

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION NO.4 OF 2025  
IN  
WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.12743 OF 2024

Directorate General of GST Intelligence,  
Agra Regional Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vishwakarma Plaza,  
Sector 16B, Avas Vikas Colony,  
Sikandra, Agra-282007.

Petitioner

versus

Vipin Sharma,  
Director of Elitecon International Ltd,  
office at E-1/55, Phase-2, Kanpur Road,  
Transport Nagar, Lucknow,  
Uttar Pradesh, 226012  
(Earlier at B-2, UPSIDC, Jalesar Road,  
Firozabad (UP), and  
r/o.B-4/60, B4 Block, Safdarjang Enclave,  
New Delhi-110029.

Respondent/  
Contemnor

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Mr.Jitendra B.Mishra with MsSangeeta Yadav, Mr.Ashutosh Mishra, Mr.Rupesh  
Dubey for Petitioner.

Dr.Sujay Kantawala with Mr.Anupam Dighe, Ms.Chandni Tanna and Ms.Renita  
Alex i/by India Law Alliance for Respondent

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CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &  
AARTI SATHE, JJ.

DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

P.C. :

1. This is a gross case where the Contemnor, Mr.Vipin Sharma has been in  
continuous breach and non-compliance of the orders passed by this Court. On the  
earlier occasion, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026, we had passed the following order :

- “1. Stand over to **29 April 2026 (FOB)**, as a statement is made by Dr.Kantawala, learned counsel for respondent-contemnor, Mr.Vipin Sharma, that he shall remain physically present before the Court on the adjourned date.
2. We may however note that a Coordinate Bench of this Court passed an order dated on 6 August 2025, whereby a contempt notice has been issued to the contemnor. We find that the said order dated 6 August 2025, as also the recent order dated 1 April 2026 passed by this Bench, passed on the present Contempt Petition are also being disobeyed by the contemnor by not remaining present in the Court.
3. In these circumstances, we were inclined to issue a non-bailable warrant against the contemnor, Mr.Vipin Sharma, to secure his presence, considering his objectionable conduct in not complying with not only the orders, subject matter of the contempt proceedings but also the orders which are passed on the Contempt Proceedings.
4. However, as noted hereinabove, as a matter of indulgence, we accept the request of Dr.Kantawala, and accordingly as the respondent-contemnor undertakes to remain physically present on the adjourned date of hearing, we are not issuing the non-bailable warrant to secure his presence at this stage.
5. We however direct that the contemnor Mr.Vipin Sharma shall not leave the country and shall deposit his passport through his representative with the Registrar Judicial on or before Monday i.e. 27 April 2026.

2. We had then categorically recorded that in the facts of the case we were inclined to issue a non-bailable warrant against the Contemnor Mr.Vipin Sharma, to secure his presence, however, only as a matter of indulgence, the proceedings were adjourned for today, at the request of Dr.Kantawala, learned counsel on behalf of the Contemnor, as the Contemnor had undertaken to remain physically present before the Court today. Dr.Kantawala has stated that the Contemnor however, is not present in the Court.

3. We may thus observe that apart from the present contempt proceedings against the Contemnor Mr.Vipin Sharma, there is also an aggravated contempt in not complying with the order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 when a clear undertaking given to this Court has been breached.

4. We are also informed that the Contemnor has not deposited his passport as directed in order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. This again amounts to a

breach of the orders of this Court. In this view of the matter, we direct issuance of a non-bailable warrant to secure presence of the Contemnor Mr.Vipin Sharma before this Court on the adjourned date of hearing. As there are a very few working days available on account of the ensuing summer vacations, we direct that the non-bailable warrant be executed and the Contemnor Mr.Vipin Sharma be produced before the Court at **3.00 p.m on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

5. We are also of the opinion that merely issuing a non-bailable warrant would not suffice and it would be appropriate that an lookout notice be issued so as to trace the Contemnor Mr.Vipin Sharma, which is also in the larger interest of the Revenue.

6. We accordingly direct the Registry to immediately inform the concerned Department for issuance of a lookout notice for Mr.Vipin Sharma, the Contemnor.

7. Stand over to **10<sup>th</sup> June 2026, at 3.00 p.m.**

(AARTI SATHE, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)