

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

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Civil Writ Petition No.14073 of 2015

Date of Decision: July 16, 2015

Gurjit Singh son of Sh. Harbans Singh resident of village Kharal Kalan,  
Post Office Cholang, District Jalandhar

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH**

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Girdhar, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

**AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner was assigned five different works, details of which have been mentioned in para 2 of the writ petition, during the year 2014. The total payment due to the petitioner for the works completed in the month of March, 2015, comes to ₹1,42,00,000/-. Petitioner, when was not paid the amount, submitted a representation dated 07.05.2015 (Annexure P-1), in response thereto, he has received a communication according to which the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Jalandhar-respondent No.6, has admitted the claim of the petitioner and had requested the Superintending Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Jalandhar-respondent No.5, to make the funds available for releasing the amount due to the petitioner. No further steps have been taken by the respondents, which forced the petitioner to serve a notice through counsel dated 02.06.2015 (Annexure P-4), highlighting therein the claim of the petitioner, which till date has not been responded to.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner at this stage

would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondents 5 and 6 to consider and decide the legal notice of the petitioner dated 02.06.2015 (Annexure P-4) within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to the Superintending Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Jalandhar and the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Jalandhar-respondents 5 and 6, to consider and decide the legal notice of the petitioner dated 02.06.2015 (Annexure P-4), within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case the claim of the petitioner is accepted, the consequential benefits, if any, be released to him, in accordance with law, within a further period of two months. In case the claim of the petitioner is not to be accepted, a well reasoned and speaking order be passed and conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

**July 16, 2015**  
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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)**  
**JUDGE**