

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

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CWP No.14307 of 2015

DATE OF DECISION: July 20, 2015

Balraj Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

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)

It is the contention of counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was allotted the work of construction/remodeling of Sandoha Branch, Package RD 39950-68700 (Slice RD 56000-60000) vide Work Order No. 37 dated 04.11.2014. The petitioner completed this work in December, 2014 and was entitled to payment of an amount of ₹ 62 lacs, out of which, an amount of ₹ 40 lacs has been paid to the petitioner but the balance amount of ₹ 22 lacs is still pending with the respondents. Petitioner had been approaching the respondents for the release of the said amount but without any result. A notice through counsel dated 04.06.2015 (Annexure P-2) was served upon The Executive Engineer, Mansa Division, I.B.Jawaharke, District Mansa-respondent No. 5 but till date, no payment has been released nor any response received.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner, at this stage,

would be satisfied if a direction is issued to The Executive Engineer, Mansa Division, I.B.Jawaharke, District Mansa-respondent No. 5 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 04.06.2015 (Annexure P-2) served by the petitioner within some specified time.

In the light of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner and without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with directions to The Executive Engineer, Mansa Division, I.B.Jawaharke, District Mansa-respondent No. 5 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 04.06.2015 (Annexure P-2) served by the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

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

July 20, 2015
pj

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE