

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.5574 of 2015

Date of Decision: March 25, 2015

Ravinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was assigned the work of providing safe drinking water in village Enna Khera bifurcation for existing Water Supply Scheme Jhorar, Aulakh Enna Khera Block, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (under World Bank Project) Package III, vide work order No.1689 dated 28.03.2012 amounting to ₹2,26,467/-. The said work has been completed by the petitioner within the time stipulated, but the payments, which the petitioner is entitled to on completion of the work to the satisfaction of the respondents, has not been released to him till date. Petitioner has been approaching the respondents for the release of said amount, but failing to get any response thereto, he has served a notice through counsel dated 12.11.2014 (Annexure P-1) to respondents 5 and 6 i.e. Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib and the Sarpanch of village Enna Khera respectively, but that also has not solicited any response till date. Counsel contends 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 dated 12.11.2014 (Annexure P-1) 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 respondents 5 and 6 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 12.11.2014 (Annexure P-1), within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

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 six weeks. 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.

March 25, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE