

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.9635 of 2015

Date of Decision: May 15, 2015

Pankaj Arora

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Ashish Grover, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner, who has executed the work assigned to him under the World Bank Project at village Gulabe Wala, Block Sri Muktsar Sahib and has submitted the final bill in the office of respondent No.5 i.e. the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.1, Muktsar Sahib, which is appended as Annexure P-2 along with the writ petition. The matter has been referred thereafter to respondent No.4-Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ferozepur, who has further informed the petitioner that the matter is within the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Faridkot-respondent No.3. The petitioner has been shuttling from one department to the other approaching the various authorities for release of the dues as per the bills submitted by him and approved by respondent No.5, served a legal notice dated 08.01.2015 (Annexure P-4) upon respondents 1, 2, 4 and 5, which has also not yielded any results. He further states that he would make a representation to the Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and

Sanitation Circle, Faridkot-respondent No.3, within a period of two weeks from today for the release of his dues as per the bill submitted, copy of which has been appended as Annexure P-2, which may be directed to be considered and decided within some specified time.

In the light of the statement made by counsel for the petitioner, in case the petitioner submits a representation to respondent No.3 within a period of two weeks from today, the same shall be considered and decided by the Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Faridkot-respondent No.3 within a period of eight weeks from the date of submission of such representation along with certified copy of this order. Direction is also issued to Chief Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation (South), Patiala, Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ferozepur and Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.1, Muktsar Sahib-respondents 2, 4 and 5 respectively, to consider and decide the legal notice dated 08.01.2015 (Annexure P-4) within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken by these respondents 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.

May 15, 2015*Puneet***(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**