

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

CWP No.23152 of 2016

Date of Decision: 09.11.2016

Gurbax Singh

. . . Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr. R.K Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Rameshwar Singh Malik, J. (Oral)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, petitioner has approached this Court by way of instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that when the genuine grievance of the petitioner was not being redressed, he finally approached the respondent authorities, by way of legal notice dated 05.09.2016 (Annexure P-2), but the same is also pending decision. He further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied in case respondent No.4 is directed to consider and decide his legal notice, within a reasonable time.

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Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, the present writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Punjab, Patiala-respondent No.4, to look into the matter, consider the grievance of the petitioner raised vide his legal notice dated 05.09.2016 (Annexure P-4) and decide the same at an early date, keeping in view the observations made by this Court in its order dated 08.07.2016 passed in Civil Writ Petition No.13043 of 2016 (Prem Kumar, Govt. Contractor Vs. State of Punjab and others), by passing an appropriate order thereon, strictly in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

It is further directed that if after due consideration of the matter, respondent No.4 comes to the conclusion that the petitioner is entitled for the amount being sought to be released, the same shall be released in favour of the petitioner, without any further loss of time.

With the above-said observations made and directions issued, the instant writ petition stands disposed of.

[RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK]
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No