

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-13295-2016

Date of Decision : 31.01.2017

Balkaran Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Pal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, JUDGE (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present writ petition in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the payments of the work executed by the petitioner along with the interest @ 12 percent per annum.

It is an admitted fact that the payments of the work done by the petitioner are to be made by the District Treasury Officer, Bathinda.

Without expression of any opinion on merits, taking into consideration the fact that the respondents are the State authorities and they are required to consider the claim of the petitioner for payment of the dues, which certainly is an enforceable right. The denial of the right

to a citizen by the State authority would entitle him to invoke the writ jurisdiction for enforcement of the legal right.

This petition, in the interest of justice, without expression of any opinion on merits, is disposed of with a direction to the District Treasury Officer, Bathinda- respondent No.4 to ensure that the claim of the petitioner is considered and specific decision is taken for the release or denial of the dues by passing a speaking order. It is directed that the claim of the petitioner would be considered within a period of three months after receipt of the certified copy of this order and in case, the petitioner is found entitled to any dues, the same would be released as per the instructions along with the interest payable.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

January 31, 2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No