

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

CWP No. 2442 of 2018

Date of Decision: 05.02.2018

M/s Sandhu Contractors Private Ltd.

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the balance payment of Rs.1,73,04,920.36 qua the works, which was allotted to the petitioner.

Vide order dated 11.03.2016, the petitioner was allotted the work of rehabilitation of Best Doab Canal RD 0-5700 by concrete lining as mentioned in para No.2 of the petition. The petitioner has completed the said work to the satisfaction of the respondents, but the payment thereof has not been released to him till date. In this regard, the petitioner has served a legal notice dated 28.11.2017 (Annex. P-2) but no action has been taken thereon till date. In view of the above position, this petition at this stage is being disposed of without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, by giving a direction to respondent

Nos. 3 & 4 to look into the legal notice of the petitioner (Annex. P-2) and decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. If respondent Nos. 3 & 4 come to a conclusion that the petitioner is entitled to the amount mentioned above, the same be released forthwith.

05.02.2018
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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*