

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

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CWP-2798-2019

Date of Decision: 01.02.2019

Harbant Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation  
Ltd. and another

--Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.**

Present:- Mr.A.K.Walia, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J.**

Petitioner is stated to be a registered/approved contractor.

The competent authority under the Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation had allotted work to the petitioner on 03.10.2016 and the details of which have been furnished in Annexure P-1 appended along with the writ petition.

The total estimated value of the work was Rs.45 lakhs approximately.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the work having been executed and completed to the satisfaction of the concerned authority under the Corporation, a balance amount of Rs.71,856/- as also security amount of Rs.1,24,551/- has not been released till date. Counsel has argued that the action of the respondent/Corporation is arbitrary as the amount in question has been withheld without any justifiable basis.

Counsel submits that a representation with regard to the claim set up has already been submitted and he would be satisfied if the writ petition was to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to take a final decision thereupon within a stipulated time frame.

Prayer made by the counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

As such without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 to examine the claim of the petitioner and to take a final decision on the representation dated 14.09.2018 (Annexure P-3) expeditiously and in any case within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that if any amount is found due to the petitioner, the same would be released without any further delay.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)  
JUDGE

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- i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No
- ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No