

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

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CWP-1814-2019
Date of Decision: 23.01.2019

M/s Jasmeet Contractor

--Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

--Respondents

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

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

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J.

Petitioner claims himself to be a Class-I Government Contractor.

On 28.04.2016, he was allotted work of providing and laying CC flooring and construction of drains in the street of a village in Tehsil Jalalabad, District Fazilka by the Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Grain Market, Fazilka.

The precise grievance raised by the petitioner in the petition is that inspite of work allotted having been completed and even the final bill having been passed, a payment of Rs.40,43,138/-(including security and bank guarantee) has not been released. Counsel argues that such amount has been withheld by the respondent-authorities without any justifiable cause.

In view of the grievance raised in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of writ petition at the very threshold and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition by directing respondent No.6 i.e. the Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Grain Market, Fazilka, to consider the claim of the petitioner/Society against the backdrop of a legal notice dated 24.12.2018

(Annexure P-2) that is stated to have already been submitted and a final

decision thereupon be taken 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/Company, the same would be released without any further delay.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

23.01.2019

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