

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

**CWP-2536-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.01.2019**

Varinder Kumar Contractor

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Chirag Girdhar, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is stated to be a Class I Govt. Contractor. In the month of November, 2017, various works of annual maintenance of water supply schemes in the different parts of Sri Muktsar Sahib were allotted to the petitioner. Details of the works have been mentioned in a tabulation contained in para 2 of the writ petition.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the work having been completed and executed, a payment of Rs.7.80 lakhs approximately has been withheld.

Counsel argues that the action of the respondent/authorities is arbitrary and without any justifiable basis.

Counsel submits that a legal notice dated 09.01.2019 (Annexure P-2) has already been served upon the respondent/authorities and he would be satisfied if the instant petition was to be disposed of with a direction for his claim to be examined and finalized within a stipulated time frame.

Submission made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness

of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.4 i.e. the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Sri Muktsar Sahib to examine the claim of the petitioner and to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 09.01.2019 (Annexure P-2) expeditiously and in any case within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of a certified copy of this Court.

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

Disposed of.

30.01.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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