

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

CWP No.2860 of 2019
Date of decision:-01.02.2019

Prem Chand Goyal

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Munish Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner is stated to be an A-Class Government Contractor. In the year 2014 the work of Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme for Village Nathana, District Bathinda was assigned to the petitioner by the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, State of Punjab.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition that inspite of the work having been completed and executed as per the terms of the contract, balance amount approximately rupees eight lakhs has not been released.

Counsel argues that the action of the respondent authorities is arbitrary and the amount in question has been with-held without any justifiable basis.

Counsel submits that even a legal notice dated 19.11.2018 has been served and he would be satisfied if the writ petition is to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned/competent authority to examine and finalize the claim of the petitioner within a stipulated time frame.

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

Without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without going into the merits of the claim, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondents No.3 and 4/competent authority to examine the claim of the petitioner in the backdrop of a legal notice dated 19.11.2018 (Annexure P-2) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention 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

01.02.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No