

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-2938-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 04.02.2019

Gurcharan Singh Contractor

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

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

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner is stated to be a Govt. contractor. It is pleaded that in the year 2016 certain works pertaining to water supply schemes in different villages under district Sri Muktsar Sahib were allotted to him by respondent no.4 i.e. the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. The details of the works have been enumerated in para 2 of the writ petition.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that inspite of the works having been completed to the satisfaction of the concerned authority, an amount of Rs.2,32,585/- is still outstanding.

Counsel would argue that the action of the respondent authorities is arbitrary and the amount has been withheld without any justifiable basis.

Counsel submits that a legal notice dated 7.1.2019 (Annexure P-2) has already been served and he would be satisfied, if, the writ petition was to be disposed of with directions to the concerned/competent authorities to take a final decision thereupon within a stipulated time frame.

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

Accordingly, without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the instant petition and without going into the merits of the claim, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the same with a direction to respondent no.4 to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 7.1.2019 (Annexure P-2) 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, same would be released without any further delay.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No