

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

CWP No. 4775 of 2019
Date of decision:-22.02.2019

Satpal Prinja

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner is stated to be a practicing Advocate in District Courts
Ferozepur, Punjab.

Instant petition has been filed seeking a mandamus for directing
the respondents to release the payment in respect of legal fee bills
submitted by the petitioner for having defended 175 cases pertaining to
acquisition of land for furlaning project of Amritsar-Bathinda Section of
National Highway-15 for Harike Bypass and Harike-Zira-Talwandi-
Fazilka Section of NH-15.

Counsel would submit that the petitioner had been engaged for
the aforenoticed cases vide memo dated 25.04.2016 (Annexure P-1) issued
by the office of Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, P.W.D., B &
R Branch, Ferozepur. In spite of the cases having been conducted, the
requisite payment towards legal fee is not being released.

It is argued that the action of the respondent authorities is
arbitrary.

Further submission is made that even a legal notice dated

02.08.2018 has already been served and he would be satisfied if the instant writ petition is to be disposed of with a direction to the respondent authorities to take necessary action thereupon 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 instant petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2/competent authority to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 02.08.2018 (Annexure P-3) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

22.02.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No