

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

**CWP-4703-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:22.02.2019**

Vishavkarma Engineering Works

... 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/firm is stated to be a contractor and who was awarded certain works of annual maintenance of Sewer Schemes at Sri Muktsar Sahib in the year 2015-18. The details of works have been enumerated in para 2 of the writ petition.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that the inspite of the works having been executed, a payment of Rs.6,51,949/- has not been released.

Counsel would argue that the action of the respondent/Water Supply and Sanitation Department, State of Punjab is arbitrary and the amount in question has been withheld without any justifiable basis.

Counsel further makes a submission that a representation with regard to the claim of the petitioner has already been filed and he would be satisfied if the instant writ petition was to be disposed of with a direction for the same to be examined and dealt with within a stipulated time frame.

Prayer 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 against the backdrop of a representation dated 17.12.2018 (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 a certified copy of this order.

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

It is, however, clarified that this Court has not examined the claim of the petitioner on merits.

Disposed of.

22.02.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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