

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-5524-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.02.2019

Prem Chand Goyal

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Prince Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner is stated to be an A Class Govt. Contractor. In the year 2012 a number of works were allotted to the petitioner by the Water Supply and Sanitation Department, State of Punjab. The details of the works have been furnished in a tabulation contained in para 2 of the writ petition.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the works having been completed and executed, an amount of Rs.15 lakhs approximately has not been released to the petitioner. Counsel argues that the action of the respondent authorities is arbitrary and the amount in question is withheld without any justifiable basis.

Counsel makes a prayer that a legal notice dated 4.1.2019 (Annexure P-2) has already been served and he would be satisfied if the writ petition was to be disposed of with a direction to take action thereupon 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 same by directing respondent no.4 i.e. the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Bhagu Road,

Bathinda to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 4.1.2019 (Annexure P-2) and a final decision thereupon be taken 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.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

28.02.2019

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