

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

CWP No.6769 of 2019
Date of decision:-13.03.2019

Varinder Kumar Contractor

.....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 claims himself to be a A-Class Government Contractor.

On 27.09.2016 a number of works were allotted to the petitioner by Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation Limited and the details of which 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 works having been completed and executed, an amount of Rs.11,00,000/- approximately 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 further makes a submission that even a legal notice dated 05.02.2019 (Annexure P-2) has already been served and he would be satisfied if the instant writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction

to the concerned authorities to examine the claim of the petitioner and finalize the same 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.4 to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 05.02.2019 (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 observe that in case any payment is found due to the petitioner, the same would be released without any further delay.

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

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No