

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-8933-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.04.2019

Balwant Singh Contractor

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and 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 Class-1 Govt. Contractor. In the year 2016 the work of upgradation of Construction H/L 38.00 meter long span steel bridge over Bathinda Canal Road at RD 142625 M. Package No. PB-17-100 & routine maintenance work was allotted to the petitioner.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the work having been executed and completed, an amount of Rs.26,98,170/- approximately has not been released.

Counsel argues that the action of the respondent authorities is arbitrary and the amount in question has been withheld without any justifiable basis.

Counsel makes a submission that a representation dated 29.01.2019 (Annexure P-5) has already been served and he would be satisfied, if, the writ petition was to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the same 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 with a direction to respondent no.6 i.e. the Executive

Engineer (Civil), Punjab Mandi Board, Grain Market, Barnala to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the representation dated 29.01.2019 (Annexure P-5) 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 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

03.04.2019

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