

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

CWP No.9975 of 2019
Date of decision:-12.04.2019

The Bharat Co. Op L & C Society Ltd.

.....Petitioner

versus

The 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)

As per pleadings on record, petitioner is stated to be a Construction and Labour Society. In the year 2016 various works of rectification of existing water connections in villages of Block Lambi in District Sri Muktsar Sahib, were allotted to the petitioner by the Department of Water Supply & Sanitation, State of Punjab. Details of the works allotted to the petitioner have been furnished in a tabulation contained in para 3 of the writ petition.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the works having been executed and completed, an amount of Rs.15,50,000/- approximately including security, bank guarantee and earnest money, has not been released.

It is argued that the action of the respondent-authorities is arbitrary and unjust.

Counsel makes a submission that a legal notice dated 01.03.2019 (Annexure P-2) has also 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.

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 petition I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.4 to consider the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 01.03.2019 (Annexure P-2) and to take a 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 if any amount is found due the same would be released forthwith.

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

Disposed of

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

12.04.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No