

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-18556-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.07.2019

M/s Gupta Construction

--Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Ms. Anishka Gupta, Advocate for
Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner-firm is stated to be a Civil Contractor. In the year 2017 the work of renovation of 132 no. Type 1 triple storey houses in Sector 28, Chandigarh (House No.2001 to 2012A, B and 2613 to 2644A, B), was allotted to the petitioner.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the works having been executed and completed, a total outstanding amount of Rs.12,85,000/- approximately which includes the security deposit amount 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 30.12.2018 (Annexure P-2) has already been served and she 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.2 i.e. the Executive Engineer, C.P. Division No.3, U.T. Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the representation dated 30.12.2018 (Annexure P-2) 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

11.07.2019

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