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

Date of Decision: 20.12.2019

1. COCP No.2465 of 2019

M/s Hardev Singh & Company, Bathinda

Petitioner

Versus

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur Talwar, Principal Secretary, Department of Water
Supply & Sanitation, Punjab and others

Respondents

2. COCP No.3632 of 2019

Gurnam Singh

Petitioner

Versus

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur Talwar, Principal Secretary, Department of Water
Supply & Sanitation, Punjab and others

Respondents

3. COCP No.2466 of 2019

M/s Hardev Singh & Company, Bathinda

Petitioner

Versus

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur Talwar, Principal Secretary, Department of Water
Supply & Sanitation, Punjab and others

Respondents

4. COCP No.2468 of 2019

M/s Hardev Singh & Company, Bathinda

Petitioner

Versus

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur Talwar, Principal Secretary, Department of Water
Supply & Sanitation, Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. R.K. Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Aditya Sharda, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

These contempt petitions are being disposed of by a common order as similar issue is involved. For convenience, facts are being taken from COCP No.2465 of 2019 filed pleading wilful disobedience of order dated 20.03.2019 of this Court passed in CWP No.7724 of 2019.

The petitioner filed writ petition raising grievance that in spite of completion of work, payment of ₹47,88,637/- has not been released by the respondents. The writ petition was disposed of on 20.03.2019 directing the respondents to decide legal notice dated 14.02.2019 and thereafter to release the amount found due to the petitioner.

The contempt petition is filed pleading that needful is not done by the respondents.

Reply by way of affidavit of Mr. Ravinder Kumar, Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab alongwith order dated 19.12.2019 filed today in the Court, is taken on record, copy handed over to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the respondents, on instructions

from Mr. Kewal Garg, Executive Engineer, submits that legal notice has been considered, however, as there was some variation in the work done hence inspection is being carried and third party audit is going on. He seeks eight weeks time for making the payment of amount found due, if any.

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) seeks liberty to avail remedies in accordance with law for redressal of the surviving grievance including claiming interest on the delayed payment.

The contempt petitions are disposed of with liberty as prayed for.

**[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE**

December 20, 2019

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |