

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-20807-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.09.2019

M/s Rajinder Kumar & Company

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. R.S. Bhatta, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner is stated to be a construction company.

Instant petition has been filed seeking a Mandamus for directing the respondent authorities to release payments of bills amounting to Rs.40,69,090/- qua the work that had been allotted and duly executed.

As per averments made in the writ petition the work of laying C.C. Flooring and construction of drains in streets of Village Kandahwala Hazarkhan Halqa, Jalalabad, District Fazilka, was allotted vide work allotment order dated 7.7.2015. It was averred that the work in question had been duly executed and inspite thereof the payments had been withheld without any justifiable basis.

During the course of hearing today, counsel representing the petitioner would very fairly apprise the Court that the payable amount of Rs.40,69,090/- has since been released.

In view of such statement, instant petition has for all intents and purposes been rendered infructuous.

At this stage, counsel would submit that there has been a delay in release of the payment in question. As per counsel, the construction had

commenced in July, 2015 and the same had been completed in 2017, whereas the payments have been released only in the year 2019.

Without even ascertaining the correctness of such assertion, instant petition is disposed of as infructuous but liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach respondent authorities to raise a claim for grant of interest on delayed release of payments, if any.

In the eventuality of any such claim being raised, the same would be dealt with in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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