

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

CWP No.22422 of 2019

Date of Decision : 26.08.2019

Rajesh Sharma Contractor

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

...

Present : Mr.Arvind Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner is stated to be a contractor.

In the year 2016 the work for “Assembling Annual Maintenance to Pantoon Bridge over U.B.D.C.at Fareeda Nagar in District Pathankot for the year 2016-17 (Group No.1)” was allotted to the petitioner by the Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD(B&R) Branch, Pathankot.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the work having been completed and executed a payment of Rs.3,90,000/- 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 further raises a submission that a legal notice dated 25.06.2019 (Annexure P-4) has already been served with regard to the claim and he would be satisfied if the writ petition was to be disposed

of with a direction to the concerned authority to look into the matter.

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 instant petition with a direction to respondent No.3 to look into the claim raised by the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 25.06.2019 (Annexure P-4). A final decision in the matter be taken expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from today. If any amount is found due, the same would be released to the petitioner without any further delay.

Writ petition accordingly is disposed of.

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

26.08.2019
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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No