

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

**CWP No. 31449 of 2019
Date of Decision: 31.10.2019**

Gurmail Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner is a contractor who has approached this Court seeking directions for payment of his pending bills running into Rs. 8,73,785/- including security deposit on completion of civil work allotted to him by the department. He has submitted the bills but the payment has not been made so far by the 5th respondent-The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.1, Ludhiana. The bills have been pending since February 2017 and it is high time that the State honours the contract and pays the outstanding bills for expenses incurred in the work done by him.

2. If the petitioner has executed the work to the satisfaction of the respondents but the payment has not been released, it is the request of Mr. Girdhar that a direction be issued to the respondents to pay the bills within a time bound period with interest on delayed payment. The

prayer is fair and reasonable.

3. Accordingly the petition is disposed of without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claims with the direction to the 5th respondent to take up the pending case of the petitioner and decide the same within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. If the respondent employer comes to the conclusion that the petitioner's claim is as per record and justified then the amount mentioned above be paid with interest @ 6% per annum from the date due within the time already specified above.

4. With the above directions, the petition is disposed of.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

31.10.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*