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

CWP-13283-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision: January 10, 2020

M/S GULRAJ SINGH NAGI, CONTRACTOR

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

**THE PUNJAB STATE CO-OPERATIVE SUPPLY AND
MARKETING FEDERATION LIMITED AND OTHERS**

..... Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Suvir Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

LISA GILL, J.

This writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the payment due towards the petitioner for various works carried out by him.

It is submitted that the petitioner, a contractor registered with various departments and undertakings of Punjab and Central Government, was allotted the work of 35 stores at various places in the State of Punjab. Work at 22 sites was completed. The remaining sites were not handed over, due to which the work could not be carried out. The petitioner, it is submitted, is seeking release of the dues in respect to the said 22 sites only. In this respect a legal notice dated 06.04.2019 (Annexure P-15) was issued by the petitioner. However, no action has been taken by the respondent-authority in an illegal and arbitrary manner. The amount due towards the petitioner, it is submitted, has been withheld without any justification.

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At this stage, it is submitted that the petitioner confines his prayer for a decision by the authorities pursuant to his legal notice dated 06.04.2019 within a stipulated time frame.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as well as the restricted prayer address by the petitioner, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to consider the case of the petitioner as put up by him in the legal notice dated 06.04.2019 and take a final decision thereon expeditiously and preferably within two months.

Needless to say that in case, amount is found due towards the petitioner, the same be released without any further delay.

It is clarified that there is no expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

January 10, 2020.
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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE