

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

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CWP no.12616 of 2020

Date of decision:24.8.2020

M/s Ravi Kumar Contractor

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH.

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

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AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the payment of the Ist and final bills amounting to Rs.23,88,473/-, qua the work of renovation and other associated repair works in “Block D, occupied by the Basket Ball Academy in Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana,” executed by him, along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in respect of the work contracted to the petitioner, it was completed in the month of December 2019, with the bills also having been cleared by the Sub Divisional Engineer, Provincial Sub Division no.3, PWD (B&R) Branch, Ludhiana, as is evident from Annexure P-2, though there is no date given beneath the signatures of the SDE.

He submits that the petitioner has also got a legal notice served

upon the respondents, a copy of which is annexed as Annexure P-3, and the respondents may therefore be directed to pass a speaking order on that notice within a specified period.

That being so, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority amongst the respondents to pass a speaking order on the legal notice got issued by the petitioner on 10.6.2020 (copy Annexure P-3), within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, obviously taking into account the fact that the petitioner has presented before this court a copy of the clearance of his bills (Annexure P-2).

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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No