

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

**CWP-13945-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:09.09.2020**

Ashok Kumar Contractor

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

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

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner claims to be a government contractor.

It has been averred that the works of providing, installing and commissioning of sand filtration plants at two different villages in district Sri Muktsar Sahib were allotted to the petitioner vide separate allotment letters. The works were completed in the year 2015 itself and the payments in lieu thereof were also released. Thereafter petitioner was assigned the job of annual maintenance of the afore noticed works but the payment of such work has not been released.

Counsel argues that inspite of the petitioner having undertaken the allotted maintenance work, payment in lieu thereof has been withheld without any justifiable basis.

Having heard counsel at length 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.5/The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of representations dated 05.08.2020 and 22.08.2020 (Annexures P-3 and P-4 respectively) and to take a final decision thereupon within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

Suffice it to observe that if any amount is found due to the petitioner/Society the same would be made over without any further delay.

09.09.2020

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |