

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

**CWP-13942-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:09.09.2020**

The H.P. Coop. L&C Construction Society Ltd. ... 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 is stated to be a Cooperative Labour and Construction Society Limited.

It has been averred that various works assigned to the petitioner/Society by the Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Sri Muktsar Sahib have been executed and completed in January, 2020. Counsel has even adverted to a completion certificate dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-2) having been issued by the concerned authority.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that the payment in lieu of work undertaken and completed of Rs.73,75,000/- approximately has not been released till date.

It is argued that the action of the State authorities in getting the work done and thereafter not releasing corresponding payment inspite of the work having been executed satisfactorily is arbitrary.

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.4/The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Sri Muktsar Sahib to examine the claim of the petitioner/ Society against the backdrop of a legal notice dated 04.08.2020 (Annexure P-3) and to take a final decision thereupon within a period of three 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 |