

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

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**(PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)**

**CWP-15718-2020**

**DATE OF DECISION: SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

**Vikas Goyal**

.....Petitioner

**VERSUS**

**State of Punjab and others**

....Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH**

Present: Mr. Munish Bansal, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner has approached this Court, praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to make payment of approximately ₹2,32,093/- for the work executed by him alongwith interest. The detail of work, which has been carried out by the petitioner has been given in Para 2 of the writ petition. Assertion has also been made that the petitioner has completed the work to the full satisfaction of the respondents but till date no payment has been received by him. Petitioner has been approaching the respondents by way of representations and has even sent a legal notice dated 17.06.2020 (Annexure P-3). A communication dated 24.07.2020 (Annexure P-5) has been received from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division Malout, district Sri Muktsar Sahib, stating therein that the amount will be paid as and when the funds are

received from the higher authorities.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner at this stage would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 17.06.2020 (Annexure P-3) within some specified time and to release the payment alongwith interest to which the petitioner is entitled to because of he having executed the contract work, which was assigned to him.

Without going into the merits of the case and commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 17.06.2020 (Annexure P-3) by passing a speaking order within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. In case the claim of the petitioner is accepted, consequential benefits be released to him within a further period of one month, failing which the petitioner would be entitled to interest @ 6% per annum from the date of completion of the work till payment is made.

**September 29, 2020**  
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**( AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH )**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable:        | Yes/No |