

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

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CWP No.18531 of 2020
Date of decision:4.11.2020

Gurnam Singh Govt. 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 make 'due payment' of Rs.6,55,000/- qua maintenance work of the 'Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Kathgarh', including 'Dhani Kartar Singh Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka', to him, alongwith interest @ 12% per annum.

In respect of his grievance (of non-payment of dues as contended), the petitioner has got issued a legal notice to the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Fazilka (respondent no.4), 23.9.2020 (copy Annexure P-4), which has still not been decided.

Consequently, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority amongst the respondents to take a decision on the said

legal notice dated 23.9.2020 (Annexure P-4), by passing a speaking order within a period of 2 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

If a detailed speaking order has already been passed by the competent authority, then only a short order would now need to be passed, annexing therewith the detailed order already passed (if any).

If the amount claimed by the petitioner is found to be due to him (or any part thereof), it shall be released to him alongwith interest either at statutory rates provided in any statute, or if no such rate of interest is provided in any statute, then @ 6% per annum from the date that it fell due, till the date of realisation thereof, and in any case not later than 4 months from today.

Disposed of as above.

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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No