

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

CWP No.19386 of 2020
Date of decision: 16.11.2020

Anand Kumar Chopra Contractor

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

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

Ritu Bahri, J. (oral)

Petitioner is seeking direction to the respondents to release an amount of Rs.10,19,704/-, including security, qua the work of construction of two Metrology Labs for legal Metrology Department at Gill Road, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the aforesaid work was allotted to the petitioner as per order/letter dated 12.10.2017. After completion of entire work, petitioner submitted his bills and entries, in this regard, were duly made in the measurement book. However, despite making oral requests, the payment has not been released till date.

With regard to his grievance, petitioner made a representation dated 13.03.2020 (Annexure P-4) to the competent authority, but no action has been taken thereon till date.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 5.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this

petition is disposed of by giving direction to the respondents to look into the representation dated 13.03.2020 (Annexure P-4) and decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the competent authority finds that the claim of petitioner is of worth acceptance, then in that eventuality, the payment be made within a further period of six weeks along with interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from the date of completion of work till the payment is released in favour of the petitioner. However, in case the competent authority feels that the relief claimed by the petitioner is not acceptable, then a speaking order be passed in accordance with law.

16.11.2020
ajp

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No