

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(102)

CWP No. 21386-2020

Date of Decision : 11.12.2020

Ashok Kumar Goyal

....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

(through video conferencing)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Chirag Girdhar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed with a prayer that an appropriate direction be issued to the respondents for the release of the amount of Rs. 2,75,786/- alongwith interest, which is due to the petitioner keeping in view the works, which have been executed by the petitioner in the State of Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the works executed/done by the petitioner have already been completed since long and even the bills have also been prepared but without any valid justification, the payments are not being released to him. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that an appropriate direction be issued to the respondents for the release of the amount, as being claimed by the petitioner

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 31.10.2020 (Annexure P-3), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 4 to decide the same by passing appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Learned State counsel submits that respondent No. 4 raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 31.10.2020 (Annexure P-3) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 4 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 31.10.2020 (Annexure P-3) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

December 11, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*