

CWP-1218-2021

Date of decision : January 19, 2021

M/S PANKAJ JINDAL CONTRACTOR

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....RespondentS

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

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

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

The petitioner was allotted work of upgradation of link road MDR 25 Lehra to Fatehgarh upto Block Boundary under PMGSY Phase-VIII, Package No. PB-1727. Work in question, it is submitted, was completed to the satisfaction of the authorities. Part of the payment has been received, however, balance payment of Rs. 2,85,990/- qua maintenance work is not being released. It is submitted that despite serving legal notice dated 15.12.2020 (Annexure P3) upon the respondents, no action is being taken.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a direction that legal notice dated 15.12.2020 (Annexure P3), be decided by the authorities in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide legal notice dated 15.12.2020

(Annexure P3), within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order. The amount due to the petitioner be released within three weeks thereafter. Needless to say in case of an order adverse to the petitioner, same be by way of a speaking order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

January 19, 2021
Rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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