

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.4560 of 2021
Date of decision: 26.02.2021

M/s Varinder Kumar Contractor

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

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

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that the payment of an amount of Rs.1,83,39,380/- qua the work of periodical repair of Pakhoke-Tapa road, which work has already been executed by the petitioner and the amount has already been sanctioned in favour of the petitioner but, the actual release of the same has not taken place so far. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that an appropriate direction be issued to the respondents to release the said payment to the petitioner alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the relief, which is being claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has already approached the respondents by way of filing a legal notice dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P/2) though, the same was addressed to respondent No.4-Executive Engineer but, a copy of the same has also been sent to the

respondent No.3-Chief Engineer (South), Punjab, which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondent No.3 to decide the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil Shamra, DAG, Punjab who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and raises no objection in deciding legal notice dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P/2) served by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondent No.3 is directed to decide legal notice dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P/2) served by the petitioner by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

February 26, 2021

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No