

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

CWP No. 10607 of 2021

Date of Decision: June 28 , 2021.

Raja Ram

..... PETITIONER

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENTS

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

LISA GILL, J.

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

Prayer in this writ petition is for release of the payment due towards the petitioner, stated to be a contractor, executing various works for government agencies/departments.

It is submitted that the work in question allotted to the petitioner has been successfully completed to the satisfaction of the authorities. Payment of some of the running bills has been released to him, however, payment regarding three final bills submitted by the petitioner is not being released without any rhyme or reason. It is submitted that legal notice dated 26.04.2021

(Annexure P5) has also been served upon the respondents, but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on legal notice dated 26.04.2021 (Annexure P5) in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab, to whom advance copy of the writ petition stands supplied, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and does not raise any serious objection to the restricted prayer.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as well as the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide legal notice dated 26.04.2021 (Annexure P5), in accordance with law by passing a speaking order, within a period of two months from date of receipt of certified copy of the order. In case any payment is found due towards the petitioner, the same be released to him within six weeks thereafter.

June 28 , 2021.
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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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