

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-13551-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: July 26, 2021

NAVEEN KUMAR AND OTHERS

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

THE STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Raman B. Garg, Advocate for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

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

Prayer in this writ petition is for seeking directions to respondents to release the payment due towards petitioners, who are stated to be engaged in carrying out various works for government agencies/departments.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have completed the allotted work to the satisfaction of the authorities. Work in question has also been audited and there is no dispute regarding the work completed by petitioners. Legal notice dated 26.04.2021 (Annexure P1), it is submitted, was served upon respondents but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer for a decision on the legal notice dated 26.04.2021 (Annexure P1), 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 consider and decide legal notice dated 26.04.2021 (Annexure P1), within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Payment if any found due to petitioners, be released within six weeks thereafter. In case, payment is not so released, petitioners shall be entitled to interest @ 6.5% thereon.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

26.07.2021

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**(LISA GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No