

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA ATCHANDIGARH

CWP-13586-2021 (O&M).

Date of Decision: July 26, 2021

M/S. ARYA CONSTRUCTIONS

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

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

Mr. Sahil Sharma, Dy. A.G., Punjab.

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 petitioner, which is stated to be engaged in carrying out various works for government agencies/departments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that contract in question had been granted to petitioner and work thereof has been carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the authorities. Final bill (Annexure P3) has been submitted but amount as claimed has not been released. Learned counsel submits that legal notice dated 19.06.2021 (Annexure P5) was served upon respondents. However, needful has not been done till date without any rhyme or reason.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on the legal notice dated 19.06.2021 (Annexure P5), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, Dy. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served. Learned counsel for the State does not raise any serious objection to the limited prayer addressed.

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 19.06.2021 (Annexure P5), within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Payment if any found to be due to petitioner, be released within two 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