

CWP-15224-2021

Date of decision : October 01, 2021

M/S H.K. Enterprises

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

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 petition is for directing the respondents to release outstanding amount of Rs.18,25,016/- allegedly due towards the petitioner from the respondent - authorities. It is alleged that balance payment due towards the petitioner qua the allotted work is not being released despite completion of work to the satisfaction of the authorities. Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to proceedings dated 20.11.2019 of the respondent – Trust which reflect that work in question was completed satisfactorily and there is no dispute regarding amount due towards the petitioner. Same it is stated has, however, not been released without any rhyme and reason. It is further submitted that despite serving legal notice dated 13.06.2020 (Annexure P11) 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 13.06.2020 (Annexure P11), be decided by the authorities in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and does not raise 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 decide legal notice dated 13.06.2020 (Annexure P11), within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Amount, if any, found due to the petitioner be released within six weeks thereafter. In case of an order adverse to the petitioner, same be by way of speaking order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

October 01, 2021
Rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No