

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.15691 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision:17.08.2021

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.....Petitioner

Versus

THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Kartik Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Chawla, DAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

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 a direction to the respondent-authorities to release the admitted balance payment of Rs.5,01,692/- along with interest at the rate of 12% per annum.

It is submitted that part payment of Rs. 7,00,000/- by way of bank transfer has been released out of the total amount of Rs.12,01,692/-. The balance amount, it is contended is admitted, but is not being released without any rhyme or reason.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3, only, at this stage.

Mr. TPS Chawla, DAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 to 3. Advance copy of writ petition stand supplied.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on representation/ legal notice dated 07.06.2021, Annexure P-7, filed by the petitioner, in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for respondent no.1 to 3, does not raise any serious objection to the restricted prayer.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide petitioner's representation/ legal notice dated 07.06.2021, Annexure P-7, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner besides opportunity to furnish any relevant documents to prove its claim, in accordance with law, within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order. In case of a decision adverse to the petitioner, same be by way of a speaking order. In case, petitioner is found entitled to any amount as claimed, the same be released within six weeks thereafter.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

17.08.2021

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[LISA GILL]
Judge

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