

CWP-16613-2021

Date of decision : August 26, 2021

M/s Varinder Kumar Contractor
Versus

.....Petitioner

The State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

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

LISA GILL, J.

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

Prayer in the writ petition is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to release payment of Rs.40,07,424/- towards execution of the work in question alongwith interest

It is submitted that there is no dispute regarding completion of work to the satisfaction of the authorities or payment to be released. It is further submitted that despite serving legal notice dated 19.07.2021 (Annexure P5) 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 19.07.2021 (Annexure P5), be decided by the authorities 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 decide legal notice dated 19.07.2021 (Annexure P5), within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Amount, if any, found due to the petitioner be released within three weeks thereafter. In case of an order adverse to the petitioner, same be by way of speaking order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

August 26, 2021
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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