

CWP-19158-2021

Date of decision : September 23, 2021

Bharat Bhushan Contractor

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

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

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, 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.20,05,388/-. Petitioner was allotted the work of supplying, installation, testing and commissioning of split and window type air conditioners at Judicial Court Complex, District Mansa. 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 20.08.2021 (Annexure P3) 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 20.08.2021 (Annexure P3), be decided by the authorities in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, 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 20.08.2021 (Annexure P3), 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.

September 23, 2021

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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No