

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA ATCHANDIGARH

CWP-19830-2021

Date of Decision: September 30, 2021

BALBIR SINGH

..... 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.

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, who 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 P2) has been submitted but amount as claimed has not been released without there being any dispute regarding the work done or the amount in question. Learned counsel submits that legal notice dated 20.08.2021 (Annexure P3) 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 20.08.2021 (Annexure P3), 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 consider and decide legal notice dated 20.08.2021 (Annexure P3), 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 six weeks thereafter.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

30.09.2021

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**(LISA GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No