

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.20528 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision:07.10.2021

M/S GURINDER SINGH CONTRACTOR

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

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

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG., 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 release of payment stated to be due towards the petitioner for successful execution and completion of the works allotted to it by the respondents. Learned counsel submits that there is no dispute regarding completion of allotted work to the satisfaction of the authorities.

Notice of motion.

Mr.Ayush Sarna, AAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Advance copy of writ petition stand supplied.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State, on instructions from Sh. Nishant Garg, SDO, Irrigation Department, Drainage Division, Patiala, submits that liability to release the amount of Rs. 3,39,77,000/- to the petitioner for the works completed, is accepted. However, payment could not be released due to unavoidable administrative exigencies and paucity of funds, but the same shall be released in the near future.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as well as the stand of the respondents, it is directed that the amount in question be released to the petitioner within two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, failing which respondents shall be liable to pay interest @ 6% per annum to the petitioner.

Writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

07.10.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No.

[LISA GILL]

Judge