

**102 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-21070-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.01.2021**

Amandeep Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. P.S.Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner is a contractor.

Instant petition has been filed seeking a mandamus for directing the competent authority under the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited to release the dues in lieu of work that had been allotted and has since been executed.

Counsel submits that on 15.05.2015 petitioner was allotted the work for shifting all the electricity meters from outside the residential premises. It is urged that the work has since been completed and to the satisfaction of the respondent-authorities. The final bill amounting to Rs.3,32,185/- is pending and without any justifiable basis such amount has not been released.

Counsel raises a submission that he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of a legal notice that has already been served.

Prayer made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

Without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the 4th respondent i.e. Executive Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Division Kartarpur, Circle Kapurthala, District Kapurthala to examine the claim of the petitioner in the light of legal notice dated 15.10.2020 (Annexure P-3) expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Writ petition is disposed of.

Suffice it to observe that if payment is found due to the petitioner, the same be released forthwith.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No