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

**CWP No.22677 of 2021
Date of Decision:09.11.2021**

R.K.CATERERS

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr.Rajinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner has preferred this writ petition for issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the payment of Rs.3,99,000/- due on account of catering services provided by the petitioner at Cabinet Meeting held on 24.10.2019 at Batala under the chairmanship of the then Chief Minister, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that quotations were invited by respondent No.4 for the Cabinet

meeting to be held on 24.10.2019. The quotation submitted by the petitioner was approved on 21.10.2019 and thereafter, petitioner provided catering services on the date fixed and submitted the invoice dated 24.10.2019 for an amount of Rs.4,20,000/- including GST in the office of respondent No.4. Respondent No.4, vide sanction letter dated 27.04.2020, approved the bill in a sum of Rs.3,99,000/- as against the total amount of Rs.4,20,000/- submitted by the petitioner towards the real expenditure incurred by him. Even the sanctioned amount of Rs.3,99,000/- has not been released to the petitioner despite a demand/ legal notice dated 15.01.2021 issued to the respondents in this context. There was no deficiency in the service provided by the petitioner.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the legal notice of the petitioner is required to be decided by respondent No.4 at the earliest.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court Mr. T.P.S Chawla, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to decide the legal notice dated 15.01.2021 (Annexure P-4) of the petitioner in accordance with law preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt

of certified copy of this order. If the petitioner is found entitled to the sanctioned amount of Rs.3,99,000/-, the same shall be paid to him within a further period of two weeks thereafter.

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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No