

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

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CWP-18735-2022  
Date of Decision: 25.08.2022

**M/S V.K. RAI ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS**

... Petitioner

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.**

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Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Girdhar, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)**

The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of the India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to make the payment for the work executed by the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a Government Contractor and has executed various works assigned to it from time to time and there has never been any complaint against the work executed by the petitioner. It is further averred that the payment of seven running bills have been made to the petitioner but the payment of eighth running bill amounting to Rs.39,36,456/- has not been made till date. He further contends that a legal notice dated 20.07.2022 (Annexure P-3) has also been got served upon the respondents, but no action has been taken thereupon till date.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and seeks time to complete instructions.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he would be satisfied at this stage if the respondents No.5 is directed to consider and take action on the legal notice dated 20.07.2022 (Annexure P-3) within a specific time frame.

Learned State Counsel did not oppose the innocuous prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.5 to consider the legal notice dated 20.07.2022 (Annexure P-3) and take action thereupon within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention here that if the claim of the petitioner is found to be lawful and genuine, the payment so claimed therein shall be made to the petitioner within a further period of two months positively failing which the respondents shall be liable to pay interest @ 7% per annum from the date of expiry of above said stipulated period till actual realization.

Disposed of in above terms.

25.08.2022  
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned* : Yes/No

*Whether reportable* : Yes/No