

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

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**CWP-19367-2022
Date of decision: 03.11.2022**

AMANDEEP SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present:- None.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Local Bar Association is abstaining from work today.

The present petition has been instituted under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for seeking issuance of directions in the nature of Mandamus to direct the respondents to release the due payment of **Rs. 23,35,050/-** along with interest qua the work executed by the petitioner.

Briefly summarized the claim of the petitioner is that he being a contractor was allotted work by respondent No.4-Dy. Chief Engineer, City East Circle, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. District Ludhiana dated 22.01.2019 for shifting of HT/LT Lines and Dts in Sector 32A, Ludhiana for supply of lines for widening of Roads by GLADA (Labour Component only) under Focal Point Division, City East Circle, Ludhiana. The petitioner completed the aforesaid work within a stipulated time period. A number of representations are stated to have been served by the petitioner for releasing the due payment. A

Legal Notice dated 31.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) was also served to the Executive Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. Ludhiana for seeking release of the due payment amounting to **Rs. 23,35,050/-**.

Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances noticed above and without commenting on the merits of the case or admissibility of the claim herein as well as the fact that a Legal Notice dated 31.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) espousing the grievances has already been submitted by the petitioner to the respondent authorities, it is deemed appropriate to dispose of the present petition directing the respondent No.5- Executive Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. Ludhiana to decide the Legal Notice dated 31.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) within a period of 03 months of receipt of certified copy of this order after granting an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

In the event, any such amount is found due by the respondent authorities upon consideration of the respective claims, such undisputed amount shall be released to the petitioner forthwith and preferably within a period of 03 months thereafter.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 03, 2022

Vishal sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No