

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

**CWP No.1089 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.04.2023**

M/S. RAVI ROYALTY COMPANY

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondent(s)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RITU TAGORE**

Present: Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Additional A.G. Punjab.

None for respondent no.4.

LISA GILL, J.

Petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking a direction to the respondent-Department to adjudicate petitioner's claim qua refundable security amount to the tune of ₹2,20,50,000/- with the averment that petitioner had surrendered the mining contract on 23.11.2015. All outstanding amounts including payment of compensation to land owner proportionate to the quantity of excavation are stated to be paid by the petitioner. Further prayer addressed is for directing the respondent-Department to take appropriate action and decide petitioner's representation dated 02.05.2016 (Annexure P-3) and 01.10.2019 (Annexure P-7), after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

It is brought to our notice that on 13.03.2020, learned counsel for the State stated that both the parties i.e. petitioner and respondent no.4 shall be called and Court shall be apprised of further progress in the matter. It is further brought to our notice that subsequent thereto order dated 07.07.2020 has been passed, affording no relief to the petitioner. Thereafter, notice dated 09.07.2021 and 06.10.2021 has been issued to the petitioner. Copies of order dated 07.07.2020 and notice dated 09.07.2021 and 06.10.2021 are taken on record, subject to just exception.

Learned counsel for the State has furnished a copy of communication dated 29.03.2023 to indicate details of documents supplied to the petitioner, as it had been submitted on earlier occasion that due to non-supply of relevant documents, petitioner could not challenge order dated 07.07.2020 and subsequent notices. Said communication is also taken on record, subject to just exception.

In view of the above, we find no ground for continuation of present proceedings. Needless to say, petitioner is at liberty to challenge order dated 07.07.2020 and subsequent notices, in accordance with law, if so advised.

Writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

There is no expression of opinion on the merits of the controversy.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

(RITU TAGORE)
JUDGE

13.04.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No