

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-2880-2020
Date of decision: 24.05.2023

SUKHPAL SINGH CONTRACTORPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERSRespondents

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

Present:- Mr. Chirag Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the due payment of Rs. 7,06,543/- qua the works executed by the petitioner alongwith interest @ 12% per annum.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner was allotted certain works of various water supply schemes vide different allotment letters. The petitioner has completed all these works but the payment of these works has not been released till date. The details of these works and the amount payable to the petitioner are mentioned in para No.2 of the writ petition.

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It is contended that the bill with respect to the aforesaid work has already been sent to the respondent-authorities and various representations including latest representation dated 06.01.2020 has been sent by the petitioner to the respondent No.4-the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Sri Muktsar Sahib for release of his due payment.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that he would be satisfied at this juncture in case the respondent No.4-the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Sri Muktsar Sahib is directed to look into the representation dated 06.01.2020 and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in a time bound manner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab contends that she has no objection in the event such prayer of the petitioner as aforesaid is accepted.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with consent and without commenting on the merits of the claim, with a direction to respondent No.4-the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Sri Muktsar Sahib to examine the grievance espoused by the petitioner in the representation dated 06.01.2020 and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon within a period of 03 months of the receipt of certified copy of this order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

Needless to mention that in the event any amount is found payable, the same shall be released @ 6% per annum from the date of filing the present petition, forthwith and preferably within a period of 03 months of such a decision being taken by the respondent-authorities.

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The petition is accordingly disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MAY 24, 2023
Vishal Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No