

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

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**CWP-4533-2020 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 16.03.2023.**

NAVEEN KUMAR

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. R.P. Dangi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed for seeking a direction to the respondents to release the payment to the petitioner for the works executed pursuant to the work orders issued to him by the respondent-Department.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that that the works in question had been executed satisfactorily and that the payments against the said works have been withheld by the respondent-Department without any valid reasons.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Sh. Vijay Pal, Sub Divisional Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division No.1 Rohtak, submits that the payment of approximately Rs.3,31,000/- has already been released in favour of the petitioner and that an amount approximately of Rs.1,00,000/- is still outstanding and the same has also been approved and

sent to the Finance Department for release. The same is likely to take a period of nearly two weeks for receiving of finances from the Department of Finance and that the amount shall be credited to the account of the petitioner within a period of 02 weeks thereafter.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that the payment in question relates to the year 2015 and that the respondents have withheld the aforesaid payment and therefore, the petitioner ought to be awarded interest for the inordinate delay in release of the due payment. The perusal of the reply fails to demonstrate any valid reasons for withholding of the aforesaid due payment. Accordingly, the petitioner is held entitled to interest @ 6% per annum from the date of filing of the present petition till disbursement of the payment.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

March 16, 2023.
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No