

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-18273-2021

Date of decision: 25.04.2023

MEGH RAJ BANSAL

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Abhishek Sharma, 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 issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent No.4 to release the pending outstanding dues of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had to approach this Court for seeking directions to respondents to release the pending outstanding dues of the petitioner. He contends that the tender of the petitioner was accepted by respondent No.4 for construction of Multi Discipline Academy at Jabbowal Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala against tender dated 24.09.2009. The allotment of the work was done in his favour by the respondents and he satisfactorily concluded the same. He contends that even though the respondent-authorities were obligated to release the final payment within a period of 56 days of the submission

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of the final bill, however, the needful was not done even though final bill for the civil work was certified on 23.06.2020 and bill for the public health work was finalized on 11.09.2019. The respondents duly checked, verified & certified the entitlement of the petitioner to the above said amount, however, no valid or explicable reason has been given for withholding the same.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 5 does not dispute their liability to remit the payment and submits that the necessary payment shall be released within a period of 04 weeks in favour of the petitioner.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by the State Counsel on instructions from Mr. Varun Chhabra, J.E. P.W.D. (B & R), Kapurthala. The grievance of the petitioner stands redressed.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner thus does not press the instant petition at this stage.

Needless to mention that the respondents shall remain bound by the statment made by them in the Court today.

Disposed of as not pressed.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

APRIL 25, 2023
Vishal sharma

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