

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

CWP-2002-2017

Date of decision : 09.02.2023

Janak Raj

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. R.K. Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Kaushal, Advocate for the respondents.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

In compliance of order dated 16.01.2023, today, Mr. Malwinder Singh Jaggi, Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board, is present in person in the Court. He has placed on record order dated 06.02.2023 and has submitted that the recoveries which were illegal have been done away with and the due amount of the petitioner has also been paid by way of RTGS. The order is taken on record as Mark 'X'.

Mr. Arora, however, submits that on the delayed payments, the petitioner will be entitled for interest as well, as the same were withheld illegally.

Learned counsel representing the Board submits that the petitioner may represent to the respondent Board *qua* the same. The representation shall be dealt with in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of such representation.

Mr. Arora, accepts the aforesaid proposal.

Resultantly, the present writ petition is disposed of in terms that the petitioner will represent with respect to the interest on the delayed payments within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

On his doing so, the respondent shall decide the same in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of such representation. In case the petitioner is found to be entitled, the interest amount shall be released within a further period of four weeks. However, in case the respondent found that the petitioner is not entitled for such interest, the same shall be adjudicated by passing a speaking order within the period as stipulated hereinabove.

The present petition stands disposed off.

09.02.2023

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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE