

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

CWP-22619-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.10.2023

M/s Best Securities Services

.....Petitioner

Versus

The Panjab University, Sector-14 Chandigarh

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA, JUDGE

Present : Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Advocate,
 for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral):

The petitioner (M/s Best Securities Services) is a service provider. Pursuant to the agreement dated 11.04.2023 (P-1), entered into between the parties, it was required to provide Data Entry Operator (DEO) to the respondent-University. However, vide order dated 17.05.2023, the said agreement was cancelled by the authorities. It is submitted that even earlier, the petitioner had approached this Court vide CWP-11674-2023. However, the said petition was dismissed as withdrawn on 29.05.2023, to enable the petitioner to invoke Clause 29 of the contract, which envisaged a dispute resolution mechanism and in case of failure of conciliation proceedings, resolution of the dispute by arbitration. He submits that the petitioner served the University with a legal notice dated 03.06.2023 (P-3) to initiate the conciliation process for informal resolution of the dispute. But to no avail. And, having waited for a sufficiently long time, the authorities

were again served with a notice dated 03.07.2023 (P-4) to appoint an Arbitrator, the request which also remained unaddressed.

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Akshay Kumar Goel, Advocate, on behalf of the respondent-University, is present in Court. He, however, submits that post passing of the order dated 29.05.2023 (*ibid*), in fact, the petitioner was asked to appear for re-conciliation, in terms of clause 29 of the contract. Whereafter, the matter was taken up twice, but the proceedings were deferred owing to incessant rains in the Region. It is urged that in all probability, the authorities would have passed the necessary orders by now. But, in case the matter is still pending, the same shall be processed and after due opportunity to the petitioner, an appropriate decision, in accordance with law, shall be taken, as expeditiously as possible.

The petition is accordingly disposed of, in terms of the statement made by learned counsel for the respondent.

This Court is sanguine that the authorities shall pass appropriate orders, as indicated by the learned counsel for the respondent, assigning reasons in support thereof.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

07.10.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No