

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-26910-2023 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 01.12.2023.

ASHWANI KUMAR

.. Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ritesh Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been preferred by the petitioner seeking issuance of an appropriate writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to renew the contract of the petitioner as Contractor Class-III/Class-C for the year 2022-2023 by taking into consideration the previous work experience of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been working as Contractor Class-III/Class-C in the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation and Maintenance since the year 2009 to the satisfaction of the respondent authorities and as such, his contract was being renewed. He submits that similarly in the year 2021-2022 also, the application of the petitioner for renewal was kept pending and therefore, he had been compelled to file CWP-No.12814-2021 which was disposed of vide order dated 15.07.2021 (Annexure P-10) and the contract of the petitioner was renewed vide Certificate for the Renewal of the Contractor

dated 28.06.2021 (Annexure P-11). Learned counsel further contends that he would be satisfied in case the respondent-authorities are directed to look into the legal notice dated 25.05.2023 (Annexure P-13) and the grievance espoused by the petitioner therein and a speaking order is passed thereupon in accordance with law and in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G. Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and he has no objection to the aforesaid prayer being granted.

Accordingly, with the consent of the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of and the respondent No.4-the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Gurdaspur, is directed to take note of the legal notice dated 25.05.2023 (Annexure P-13) sent by the petitioner and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in accordance with law and preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

December 01, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE

: Yes/No

: Yes/No