

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-548-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.01.2024

Guru Nanak Interlocking Tiles Industry
...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others
...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Jasmel Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been preferred by the petitioner seeking issuance of an appropriate writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to make the due payment of Rs.8,31,428-42/- for supplying interlocking tiles and construction material under MNEARGA Scheme by the petitioner along with interest @ 18% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in view of the above said scheme the office of respondent No.4 purchased interlocking tiles from the petitioner between 24.12.2020 and 01.01.2023 for the development of village Dhulkot. However, the due amount has not been released yet even though the final bills have been submitted by the petitioner. He contends that in this regard, a legal notice dated 19.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) has been sent by the petitioner and that despite a lapse of more than one month since the date of the legal notice, neither any decision has been taken thereupon nor

has the due undisputed payment been released by the respondents. He further contends that he would be satisfied in case the respondent-authorities are directed to look into the legal notice 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.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and submits that 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 respondent No.4-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, is directed to take note of the legal notice dated 19.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) sent by the petitioner and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in accordance with law preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that in the event the entitlement of the petitioner being established as per law, the payment due to the petitioner shall be released expeditiously and preferably within a further period of three months.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

11.01.2024

Mangal Singh

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