

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-5377-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 06.03.2024

M/s Makhan Lal Govt. Contractor, H.O. Ward No.5, One Way Traffic Road,
Mansa
...Petitioner

VERSUS

The State of Punjab and others
...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Chirag Girdhar, 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 refund the security amount of Rs.4,56,012/- qua the work of construction of Budhlada Jakhal Road to Kulrian Bypass Bareta, Bacchuana to Gurdwara Sahib, Bareh to Gurudwara Sahib in District Mansa under NABARD-XXV Scheme, executed by the petitioner along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the above said works were allotted to the petitioner on 25.02.2021, vide EE No.4243 dated 25.02.2021 and the same stands successfully executed and completed. The payment of bills has already been released to the petitioner, however, the security amount of Rs.4,56,012/- has not been released yet. He contends that in this regard, a legal notice dated 12.02.2024 (Annexure P-3) has been sent by the petitioner and that despite a lapse of about 01 month since the date of

the aforesaid legal notice neither any decision has been taken thereupon nor has the security amount been released by the respondents. He further contends that he would be satisfied in case the respondent-authorities are directed to look into the aforesaid 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.5-The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, Public Works Department, Building & Roads Branch, Mansa, is directed to take note of the legal notice dated 12.02.2024 (Annexure P-3) 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

06.03.2024

Mangal Singh

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