



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-16192-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 23.07.2024

Sanjeev Mohindra

...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)

1. 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 release the balance amount of Rs. 1,21,087/- qua the works executed by the petitioner along with interest @ 12% per annum.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has executed works assigned to him from time to time. During the year 2011, the petitioner was allotted various works and the same have been completed by the petitioner in the year 2011 itself. The payments of running bills of these works were released to the petitioner, however, the balance payment of final bills, which were passed in the month of March, 2021 was not released. Thereafter, the petitioner preferred CWP-24380-2021, which was disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to take a final decision



on the legal notice served by the petitioner within a period of one month and in case, the amount is found payable then the same be released along with interest @ 6% per annum. When the said order was not complied with, the petitioner preferred COCP-213-2022 and during the pendency of the same, some of the amount has been paid but the balance aforesaid amount is still pending. He contends that in this regard, a legal notice dated 14.05.2024 (Annexure P-5) has been served by the petitioner and that despite a lapse of more than 02 month since the date of the aforesaid legal notice neither any decision has been taken thereupon nor has the due and admitted balance amount been released by the respondents.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Aditya Sharda, DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents-State and he prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if necessary.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.4-Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Patiala, is directed to take note of the legal notice dated 14.05.2024 (Annexure P-5) served by the petitioner and to release the admitted and undisputed liability mentioned therein.

6. Learned State Counsel submits that he has no objection to the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, in view of the above; with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the



present petition is **disposed of** with a direction to respondent No.4-Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Patiala, to take note of the legal notice dated 14.05.2024 (Annexure P-5) and to release the admitted liability in favour of the petitioner within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

23.07.2024
Mangal Singh

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No