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

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CWP-17086-2024

Date of Decision: 24.07.2024

R.K. REGRIGERATIOIN & AIR CONDITONING ENGG.

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Sarthak Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the due payment of Rs.7,97,667/- to the petitioner alongwith interest @ 12% per annum w.e.f. the due date of payment till the date of realization, for the work of repair/renovation and providing new furniture/furnishing items and heritage and cultural painting in Kapurthala House, New Delhi (Hon'ble Chief Minister Suite, Hon'ble Governor Suite, Central Hall, Corridors, outer room and outer area).

After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has submitted various representations followed by a legal notice dated 15.05.2024 (Annexure P-5) but the respondents have neither paid the outstanding dues to the petitioner nor have they taken any action upon the said representation.

Notice of motion.



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

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.2- Chief Engineer (Buildings), Department of Public Works (B&R Br.), Room No.310, 17 Bays Building near BSNL Office, Sector 17, Chandigarh is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 15.05.2024 (Annexure P-5) served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

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

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 while directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 15.05.2024 (Annexure P-5) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of three months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that upon considering the said legal notice, if any amount is found due and payable to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed in favour of the petitioner within a further period of three months.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

JULY 24, 2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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