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IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-18322-2024 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 05.08.2024.

BABA DEEP SINGH BUILDERS AND DESILTERS PVT. LTD.

.. 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 in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release balance amount of Rs.21,64,932/- qua the work of Disilting of Sewer Line using super suction machine executed by the petitioner along with interest @ 12% per annum.
2. The petitioner claims to be Government Contractor having been assigned the work of Disilting of Sewer Line using super suction machine vide resolution No.36 dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-1).
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the aforesaid work stands successfully executed, however, the payment against the

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execution of the aforesaid work has not been released yet, even though the final bills submitted by the petitioner already stands approved by the competent authority. He contends that in this regard, a legal notice dated 10.03.2024 (Annexure P-4) has been sent by the petitioner and that despite lapse of a period of about five months since the date of the legal notice neither any decision has been taken thereupon nor has the due and 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.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 6 and Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who by virtue of his assignment is also on the panel of all the statutory corporations and bodies of the Government of Punjab, is directed to and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.7/The Municipal Council, Ferozepur, and they submit that they have no objection to the aforesaid prayer being granted.

6. 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.6 - the Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Ferozepur, is directed to take note of legal notice dated 10.03.2024 (Annexure P-4) sent by the petitioner and to pass a reasoned and

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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.

7. 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.

8. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

August 05, 2024.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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