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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-19212-2024  
Date of decision: 09.08.2024

SANGH MITRA

...Petitioner

VERSUS

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD. AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

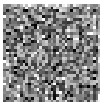
Present:- Mr. R. K. Choudhary, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)**

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the amount of DCRG/Gratuity of Rs.4,90,694/- along with interest @ 12% per annum, which has been withheld by the respondents without any pending disciplinary proceeding and charge-sheet served upon the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had served a legal notice dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) to the respondents but the same has not been considered and decided till date. He further submitted that at this stage, the petitioner will be satisfied in case the aforesaid legal notice dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) is considered and decided by the respondents in accordance with law and in a time bound manner.



3. Notice of motion.
4. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. She submitted that in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, she has no objection in case a time bound direction is issued in this regard.
5. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, without calling for the reply from the respondents and without expressing anything on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Chief Engineer OP, UHBVN, Panchkula/competent authority to consider and decide the legal notice dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) strictly in accordance with law and within a period of three months from today. In case the petitioner is found entitled then he shall be granted the benefits immediately along with interest @ 6% per annum.

09.08.2024  
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)  
JUDGE

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