



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

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CWP-20348-2024

Date of Decision: 23.08.2024

M/S ANIL MALHOTRA BUILDERS

..... 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 instituted under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay balance payment of Rs. 11,08,947/- qua the works executed by the petitioner, alongwith interest @ 12% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had executed various works assigned to him from time to time and there has never been any complaint against the works executed by the petitioner. On 07.01.2022, the works of Retrofitting of 17-Bays Building, Punjab Irrigation Bhawan and Municipal Bhawan in various Sectors of Chandigarh were allotted to the petitioner. The petitioner has successfully completed these aforesaid work but the balance payment of these works has not been released



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to the petitioner. The details of these works and the amount payable to the petitioner are mentioned in para No.3 of the writ petition. The petitioner approached the respondents for a number of times, but nothing fruitful could be fetched. Thereafter, the petitioner submitted numerous representations to the respondents but no response has been received by the petitioner. Recently, a representation dated 09.05.2024 was again sent by the petitioner to respondents No.5 and 6 but in spite of that the balance payment has not been released to the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Aditya Sharda, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that at this juncture, he would be satisfied if respondent No.6-the Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, Punjab PWD B&R Branch, Chandigarh is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 09.05.2024 (Annexure P-3) in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the respondents does not oppose the prayer 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.6-the Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, Punjab PWD B&R Branch, Chandigarh to consider and decide the representation dated 09.05.2024 (Annexure P-3) by



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passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of three months from the date of 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 his favour within a further period of three months.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

AUGUST 23, 2024
Vishal sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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