



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-21746-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.09.2024

M/s Rikhi Construction Co.

...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. Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to make the payment of Rs.1,54,48,237/- qua the works executed by the petitioner, alongwith interest @ 12% per annum.

2. After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has served a legal notice dated 01.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) upon respondent No.5-The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Branch, Malerkotla, District Sangrur but the respondent-authorities have neither paid the outstanding dues to the petitioner nor has they taken any action upon the said legal notice.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Brijesh, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents and prays for some time to complete the instructions and file response, if necessary.



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5. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.5-The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Branch, Malerkotla, District Sangrur, is directed to consider and decide the said legal notice served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.
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 while directing respondent No.5-The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Branch, Malerkotla, District Sangrur to consider and decide the legal notice dated 01.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) 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.
8. 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.
9. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

02.09.2024
Mangal Singh

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