



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

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CWP-21614-2024

Date of Decision: 02.09.2024

SURESH KUMAR JAIN

..... 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 release the due payment of Rs. 4,85,595/- qua certain works executed by the petitioner, alongwith interest @ 12% p.a.

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. During the year 2021-2022, certain works were allotted to the petitioner. The petitioner successfully executed the said work but the due amount of Rs.4,85,595/- has not been released to the petitioner. The details of these works and the amount payable to the petitioner is mentioned in para No.2 of the present writ petition.

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Thereafter, the petitioner submitted numerous representations to the respondents but no response has been received by the petitioner. Lastly, a Legal Notice dated 01.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) has been served by the petitioner upon respondent No.5- the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, No.1, Manbro Chowk, Jalandhar to release the aforesaid amount but till date due amount has not been released to the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Brijesh, Asstt. A.G. 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.5- the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, No.1, Manbro Chowk, Jalandhar is directed to consider and decide the Legal Notice dated 01.08.2024 (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.5- the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, No.1, Manbro Chowk, Jalandhar 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



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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.

SEPTEMBER 02, 2024

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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