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IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH.

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CWP-24631-2024 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 30.09.2024.

PANKAJ GOYAL CONTRACTOR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Nitish Bhatia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

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 the payment of 66 bills (Annexures P-1 to P-26) submitted by the petitioner qua the works completed by him from time to time.

2 At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this juncture, the petitioner would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondent-Authorities to look into the grievance espoused by the petitioner by treating the present petition as a representation and

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thereafter to pass a speaking and reasoned order in accordance with law and in a time bound manner.

3 Notice of motion.

4 Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. A.G. Haryana, enters appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that he has no objection to the aforesaid prayer being granted.

5 Accordingly, with the consent of the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction that the competent authority shall take a decision by treating the present writ petition as a representation on behalf of the petitioner and shall pass a speaking and reasoned order thereupon in accordance with law preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order after granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

6 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.

7 In the event of non-payment of dues within the said period, the same shall be released along with interest @ 6% per annum from the date of filing of the present petition to be paid to the petitioner and further subject to additional payment of a cost of Rs.50,000/- to be deposited with the PGI Poor Patients' Welfare Fund, Chandigarh. The said additional financial

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liability of accrued interest and cost shall be subject to recovery from the erring officials.

8 Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

September 30, 2024.	(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	: Yes/No
<i>Whether reportable</i>	: Yes/No