



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

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CWP-26318-2024
Date of Decision: 14.10.2024

AJAY KUMAR CONTRACTOR

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Veena Hooda, Advocate for the petitioner.

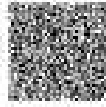
VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the amount of bills dated 17.03.2021 to 08.04.2021 qua the work executed by the petitioner.

After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has made various oral representations including recent detailed representation dated 14.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) to the respondent No. 4, but the respondents have neither paid the outstanding dues to the petitioner nor have they taken any action upon the said representation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. A.G., Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if necessary.



Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.4- Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Division No.1, Kaimri Road, Hisar, is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 14.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State Counsel has no objection to the request 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.4- Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Division No.1, Kaimri Road, Hisar, to consider and decide the representation dated 14.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) 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.

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.

In the event of non-payment of dues within the abovesaid period, the same shall be released along with interest @ 6% per annum from the date of filing of present petition to be paid to the petitioner and further subject to additional payment of costs of Rs.50,000/- to be deposited with the Poor Patient Welfare Fund (PPWF) of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh. The said additional financial liability on accrued interest and costs shall be recovered from the erring official.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

14.10.2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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