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

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CWP-33134-2024

Date of Decision: 10.12.2024

**THE UBA CO OPERATIVE LABOUR AND
CONSTRUCTION SOCIETY LTD**

... Petitioner

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF PUNJAB THROUGH ITS ADDITIONAL CHIEF
SECRETARY LOCAL GOVT PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Daljeet Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to make the payment of due amount Rs.10,32,364/- qua the work of water supply and sewerage system at Maur Mandi, District Bathinda, alongwith interest @ 12% per annum.

After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has got served a legal notice dated 07.10.2024 (Annexure P-2) but the respondents have neither paid the outstanding dues to the petitioner nor have they taken any action upon the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Raghav Garg, AAG, Punjab, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1, 2 and 4 and also prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if necessary.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who by virtue of his assignments, is on the panel of all Local Bodies, Boards and Corporations, is hereby directed to accept notice on behalf of respondent No.3. Accordingly, he accepts notice on behalf of the said respondent and prays for some time to seek 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-The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage, Division No.1, Bathinda is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 07.10.2024 (Annexure P-2) served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State Counsel does not have any 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 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 07.10.2024 (Annexure P-2) 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 of accrued interest and costs shall be subject to recovery from the erring official.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

DECEMBER 10, 2024.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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