



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

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CWP-3948-2026

Date of Decision: 11.03.2026

M/S CHHABRA ENGINEERING WORKS

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. R.K. Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

Ms. Prabhjot, Advocate (*through V.C.*)
for respondent No.3

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 10.02.2026, the following order was passed by this
Court:-

“Counsel for the petitioner has made a reference to Annexure P-2 to submit that petitioner completed the construction work and the running bill has been verified by the SDO concerned on 27.02.2025. He submits that entry of the bill has also been made in the measurement book, but the payment has not been disbursed.

Advance copy of the petition has been served upon respondents.

On asking of Court, Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2.

Ms. Prabhjot Kaur, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.3 and has filed memo of appearance, which is taken on record. Upon instructions,

she states that the amount found due to the petitioner shall be disbursed within a period of three months.

List on 11.03.2026.

At this stage, counsel for the petitioner states that the work was completed in July, 2024 and final bill was verified on 27.02.2025. He has asserted that petitioner is entitled to interest on the unpaid amount.

This Court finds merit in the prayer made by counsel for the petitioner.

Respondents cannot withhold the payment to which petitioner is legally entitled. Accordingly, respondents are directed to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of verification of the bill till disbursal on the amount due to the petitioner, within the aforesaid period of three months.”

- 2. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that petition may be disposed of in terms of aforesaid order.
- 3. In the wake of statement of learned counsel for parties, the instant petition stands Disposed of.
- 4. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

March 11, 2026
Deepak DPA

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No