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

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Date of Decision: 30.03.2026

Duli Chand Contractor**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Haryana and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: - Mr. Sandeep Bhatia, Advocate and
Mr. Kamal Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Deepak Vashisth, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
(assisted by Mr. Balvinder Nain, Executive Engineer, PHED-I,
Sirsa and Mr. Ajay Dhaka, Sub-Divisional Engineer)

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to release payment with respect to work carried out by it for the respondent along with interest @ 18% per annum.
2. Learned State counsel submits that competent authority would consider petitioner's claim and if any admitted liability is found, it would be discharged within 3 months from today.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent may be subjected to interest @ 6% per annum.
4. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to release payment to the petitioner within 3 months from today. If payment is not released within aforesaid period, the respondent would be liable to pay interest @ 9% from



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the expiry of said period. The petitioner is at liberty to approach appropriate authority *qua* disputed amount, if any.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

30.03.2026
Mohit Kumar

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