



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

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CWP-8467-2026

Date of Decision: 27.04.2026

JAI SINGH

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Ms. Navdeep Kaur Gill, Advocate for
Mr. Rohit Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Deepak Vashisht, DAG Haryana

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 him for the respondent.

2. Learned State counsel submits that vigilance inquiry is pending against the petitioner and officials. The estimate was inflated. The moment vigilance inquiry is concluded, due payment would be released.

3. This Court in view of pendency of vigilance inquiry cannot direct respondent to release payment, however, respondent in the name of vigilance inquiry cannot withhold money for indefinite period. It is basic principle of financial jurisprudence that anyone who withholds money, is liable to pay interest because interest is compensatory in nature.

4. In the backdrop, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to release payment which is not subject matter of inquiry within 3 months from today. If payment is not released within aforesaid period, the respondent would be liable to pay interest @ 9% from the expiry of said period. The amount which is subject matter of Vigilance inquiry and finally found due shall be released within 4 weeks after conclusion of the inquiry along with interest @ 6% per annum.

5. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

April 27, 2026
Deepak DPA

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