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

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Date of Decision: 08.04.2026

Ganpat Kalra @ Ganpat Rai, Government Contractor ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Vinay Kumar Arya, Advocate for the petitioner
 Ms. Svaneel Jaswal, Additional Advocate General, Haryana
 (on instructions from Mr. S.K. Tyagi, Executive Engineer, PHE
 Division, Hansi)

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to release payment with respect to work carried out by him for the respondent along with interest.

2. Ms. Svaneel Jaswal, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, who on advance notice is present in Court on behalf of respondent-State, submits that partial claimed amount is subject matter of Vigilance inquiry. The said amount would be released after completion of inquiry. The amount which is not subject matter of inquiry would be released within 3 months from today.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent may be subjected to interest @ 6% per annum.

4. This Court, in view of pendency of Vigilance inquiry, cannot direct respondents to release payment, however, respondent in the name of

Vigilance inquiry cannot withhold money of the petitioner for indefinite

period. It is basic principle of financial jurisprudence that anyone who holds money is liable to pay interest because interest is compensatory in nature.

5. 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.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

08.04.2026
Mohit Kumar

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