

**CWP-31142-2025 & CWP-32016-2025****-1-****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****108+110 (2 cases)****CWP-31142-2025****Date of Decision: 18.03.2026****Harmanpal Singh****...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and others****...Respondents****And****CWP-32016-2025****M/s Pankaj Jindal Contractor****...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL****Present: - Mr. R.K. Girdhar, Advocate for the petitioner****Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab****Mr. Sumit Jain, Advocate for respondent No.5
(assisted by Mr. Pardeep Singh, Junior Auditor)***********JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)**

1. As common issues are involved in the captioned petitions, with the consent of both sides, the same are hereby disposed of by this common order. For the sake of brevity and convenience, facts are borrowed from *CWP No.31142 of 2025*.

2. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to release payment including security with respect to work carried out by him for the respondent along with interest @ 12% per annum.

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3. Mr. Sumit Jain, Advocate appeared and filed his Power of Attorney on behalf of respondent No.5. The same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.5-Punjab Mandi Board, on instruction from Mr. Pardeep Singh, Junior Auditor, submits that admitted liability would be discharged within three months from today.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent may be subjected to interest @ 6% per annum from the date of passing bills.

6. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.5 to release payment to the petitioner within three months from today along with interest @ 6% per annum from the date of passing bills. It is made clear that if payment is not released within aforesaid period, the rate of interest would be 9% from the expiry of said period.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

18.03.2026*Mohit Kumar*

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