

**CWP-33957-2025****-1-****118 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CWP-33957-2025****Date of decision: 16.02.2026****M/S BIMLRAJ OUTSOURCING PVT. LTD. ...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF HARYANA AND ANR.****...RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL**

Present: Mr. Himanshu Bhardwaj, Advocate(through video conferencing)
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Addl. AG, Haryana.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Mr. Himanshu Bhardwaj, the petitioner who has appeared in person, states that he participated in an e-bid and deposited earnest money (EMD) of Rs. 41,37,260/- only. The financial bid was opened on 28.09.2024, and the petitioner did not succeed in securing the contract. He asserts that the EMD deposited by him was to be returned within 30 days after the award of the contract, and despite repeated communications, the EMD has not been refunded even till date.

2. In compliance with the interim order passed by this Court, a compliance report by way of an affidavit of the Municipal Commissioner, Kurukshetra, District Kurukshetra-respondent No. 2 has been filed, wherein it has been stated that the tender process is a matter of adjudication before this Court in CWP-13232-2025 titled as "The Rahul Co-operative Labor and Construction Society Limited Versus State of Haryana and others". A stand has been taken that due to pendency of the aforesaid writ petition and implications arising therefrom,

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EMD could not be refunded. In this affidavit, the official has deposed that tender process is being cancelled and EMD shall be refunded to the petitioner within a period of 30 days from today in accordance with law.

3. Mr. Himanshu Bhardwaj, the petitioner, submits that as the amount has been illegally retained by respondent No. 2, he is entitled to interest from the date refund became due.

4. This Court finds force in the submissions made by the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, respondent No. 2 is directed to refund the EMD within a period of 30 days along with interest @ 6% per annum w.e.f. 01.11.2024 till the date of disbursement.

6. Writ petition stands disposed of.

16.02.2026

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No