

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-37569-2025

Date of Decision: 22.04.2026

Anand Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Deepak Agrawal, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Deepak Vashisth, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
(assisted by Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Executive Engineer, PHED
No.3, Narnaul)

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 along with interest.

2. Mr. Deepak Vashisth, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, who on advance notice is present in Court on behalf of respondent-State, submits that claimed amount is subject matter of Vigilance inquiry. The said amount would be released after completion of inquiry.

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 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 the amount which is subject matter of Vigilance inquiry and finally found due within 4 weeks after conclusion of the inquiry along with interest @ 6% per annum. If payment is not released within aforesaid period, the respondent would be liable to pay interest @ 9% per annum from the expiry of said period.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

22.04.2026
Mohit Kumar

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