



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

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COCP No.2209 of 2025

Date of decision :-07.05.2025

M/s Aman Builders

.....Petitioner

Versus

**Sh. Ravi Bhagat, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
PWD (B & R) Department and others**

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gidhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manmeet Singh Teji, AAG Punjab.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents for not complying the order dated 17.12.2024 (Annexure P-1) passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-34012-2024 titled as “M/s Aman Builders vs. The State of Punjab and others”, which was disposed of with the observations that “....respondent No.6-the Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD B&R Branch, Patiala, is directed to take note of the legal notice dated 18.11.2024 (Annexure P-4) sent by the petitioner and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in accordance with law preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Needless to mention that in the event the entitlement of the petitioner is established as per



law, the payment due to the petitioner shall be released expeditiously and preferably within a further period of three months.”

It is *inter alia* submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that vide order dated 17.12.2024 (Annexure P-1), passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-34012-2024 titled as “M/s Aman Builders vs. The State of Punjab and others”, the writ petition was disposed of and a direction was issued to respondent No.6- Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD B&R Branch, Patiala to take note of the legal notice dated 18.11.2024 (Annexure P-4) sent by the petitioner and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in accordance with law preferably within a period of three months. It was further directed that in case it is found that the petitioner is entitled for the due amount of Rs.1,98,02,775.38 as claimed by the petitioner, the same shall be released to him.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from Mr. Deepak Kumar Sharma, SDE, Construction Division, Patiala and Mr. Arun Kumar, Sr. DAO, Construction Division, Patiala, submits that in compliance of order dated 17.12.2024 (Annexure P-1), Speaking Order dated 01.4.2025 has been passed by the Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD B&R, Patiala-respondent No.6 herein. Copy of the aforesaid order speaking order dated 01.4.2025 produced by learned counsel for the State is taken on record. Registry to tag/paginate the same at appropriate place in the paper book.

It is submitted that after examining the matter, it is found that the payment amounting to Rs.131.36 lacs (subject to verification) is due to be released to the petitioner against the work done as soon as



the funds are received from the Deputy Director (Planning) Higher Education Punjab. Learned counsel for the State, on further instructions from Ms. Sonia (Supp.) Department of Higher Education submits that the bills submitted by the petitioner are being verified by the concerned and the amount due to him, shall be released within 4-6 weeks.

In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner does not press the present petition.

Dismissed as not pressed.

Rule discharged.

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

However, in case the needful is not done within the aforementioned period, as per the undertaking, the petitioner would be at liberty to seek revival of contempt petition and in that eventuality, the erring/concerned officer would be liable to pay a sum of Rs.50,000/- as cost(s) from his/her own pocket in favour of the petitioner towards litigation expenses, immediately i.e. on the first date of listing of revival application.

May 07, 2025

Vijay Asija

**(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No