

WP(C) 5126/2007

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.K. SHARMA

The matter relates to non-payment of contractor's bill amounting to Rs. 4,19,968/-, which according to the petitioner, he is entitled to for the contract work, he has carried out with the respondents.

I have heard Mr. M. Agarwalla, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Ms. B. Hazarika, learned Standing Counsel, Water Resource Department.

According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner has carried out the contract work as indicated in Annexure-1 series work order to the writ petition. Ms. Hazarika, learned Standing Counsel, on the other hand submits that the matter needs examination by the respondents.

In view of the above and as agreed to by the learned counsel for the parties, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to examine the claim of the petitioner and upon such examination, if, it is found that the petitioner is entitled to the aforesaid amount of Rs. 4,19,968/- for the contract work, which he allegedly carried out under the respondents in terms of Annexure-1 series work order, the same shall be disbursed to the petitioner. The entire exercise shall be carried out within a period of four months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order, which the petitioner shall furnish to the respondents alongwith a copy of the writ petition and its enclosures.

The respondents may also verify as to whether the petitioner executed the works in question at all if so, whether as per the specification of the work order and to the satisfaction of the respondents.

The respondents may also examine as to whether the claim made by the petitioner is barred by limitation.

The respondents may come up for modification of this order on valid ground and may also seek extension of the aforesaid time limit.

With the above directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.