

**Hon'ble Manoj K. Tiwari, J.**

Mr. Siddhartha Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. N.S. Pundir, Deputy Advocate General for the State of Uttarakhand.

Heard learned counsel for the parties through video conferencing.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that in the month of December, 2019, petitioner was granted contract for construction of road by respondent no. 2 (Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Work Circle, Haridwar). According to him, petitioner had completed nearly 50% of the construction work, however, due to pandemic caused by COVID-19, he could not complete 100% of the work within stipulated time. Consequently, petitioner's contract was terminated vide order dated 14.07.2020.

By means of this writ petition, petitioner has sought a direction to the respondent no. 2 to appoint Adjudicator as per Clause 23 of General Conditions of Contract.

After arguing for a while, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has made various representations to the Competent Authority, but no decision has been taken thereupon so far. He, therefore, confines his prayer and submits that necessary direction be issued to the Competent Authority to decide his representation dated 21.07.2020 (Annexure No. 9 to the writ petition) expeditiously.

Learned counsel appearing for State has no objection if such direction is issued.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Work Circle, Haridwar/respondent no. 2 to decide petitioner's representation dated 21.07.2020 (Annexure No. 9 to the writ petition), in accordance with law, within two weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order along with copy of representation.

Let a certified copy of this order be issued today itself.

**(Manoj K. Tiwari, J.)**

30.09.2020