

Court No. - 21

Case :- WRIT - C No. - 42669 of 2023

Petitioner :- Ashok Kumar Thapa And Another

Respondent :- Union Of India And 4 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Vikrant Pandey,Ram Awadh Maurya

Counsel for Respondent :- A.S.G.I.,C.S.C.,Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal,Sudhir Bharti

Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Gupta,Acting Chief Justice

Hon'ble Donadi Ramesh,J.

1. Heard Sri Vikrant Pandey, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Rajeev Gupta, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the state-respondents, Sri Vaibhav Tripathi, counsel for respondent nos.1 and 4 and Sri Sudhir Bharti, counsel for respondent no.5.
2. The petitioners have challenged the award of the Arbitrator dated 24-04-2023 passed under Section 3G (5) of the National Highways Act, 1956.
3. Learned counsel for NHAI Sri Vaibhav Tripathi submits that the petitioners have efficacious alternative remedy of filing an objection under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 read with Section 3G (6) of the National Highways Act, 1956.
4. We find considerable force in the submission of the learned counsel for the respondents.
5. As the petitioners have an alternative remedy available to them under the statute, therefore, we relegate them to the said remedy as we are not inclined to examine the factual disputes relating to quantification of the compensation amount in exercise of writ jurisdiction.
6. The petition is accordingly **disposed of** with liberty to the petitioner to avail the remedy provided under the statute.

(Donadi Ramesh, J.) (Manoj Kumar Gupta, A.C.J.)

Order Date :- 11.12.2023/pks