

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

RFA No. 3667 of 1992 (O&M)

LAC No. 143 of 1989 and 172 of 1990

Date of decision : 8.9.2015

Punjab State and others

... Appellants

VS

Smt. Harbans Kaur Bedi

..... Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajesh Bindal J.

The State of Punjab is in appeal before this Court against the award passed by learned court below seeking reduction in the amount of compensation awarded to the respondent for the non-fruit bearing trees standing on the acquired land.

Briefly, the facts are that vide Notification dated 27.2.1987 issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act'), the land along with trees/ structures existing thereon in the area of Village Phangota Teeka Katal, Tehsil Pathankot, District Gurdaspur, was acquired by the State of Punjab for construction of Ranjit Sagar Dam. The Land Acquisition Collector (for short, 'the Collector'), vide award dated 6.1.1989 assessed the market value of the acquired land and the structures/ trees existing thereon. Dissatisfied with the award of the Collector, the landowner filed objections. On reference under Section 18 of the Act, the learned court below vide order dated 28.2.1992, determined the market value of the acquired trees. It is this award which is impugned by the State in the present appeal.

A perusal of the paper-book shows that the amount involved in the present appeal is merely ₹ 3,050/- and the acquisition having taken place more than 26 years back, I do not find any reason to interfere therein at this stage.

Accordingly, the present appeal is dismissed.

8.9.2015
vs.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge