

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

RFA No.1603 of 1991 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.8.2015

The State of Punjab and others

..... Appellants

Versus

Achhar Devi and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

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

Mr. Abhay K. Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. K.S. Dadwal, Advocate, for the landowners.

RAJESH BINDAL, J

The State is in appeal seeking reduction in the amount of compensation for the acquired land awarded by the court below to the landowners.

Brief facts of the case are that the State of Punjab vide notification dated 19.3.1981, issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short 'the Act') sought to acquire land situated within the revenue estate of village Kukanet, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur, for construction of Dholbaha Dam. Notification under Section 6 of the Act was issued on 24.3.1981. The Land Acquisition Collector (for short, 'the Collector') awarded the compensation for the trees. Dissatisfied with the award of the Collector, the landowners filed objections which were referred to the learned Court below for consideration, who keeping in view the material placed on record by the parties, allowed the reference. It is this award which is impugned in the present appeal.

A perusal of the paper book shows that the amount involved in the appeal is merely ₹ 12,386.06. The acquisition having taken place about 34

years back and the amount of compensation already paid to the landowners,
I do not find any reason to interfere with the impugned award at this stage.

Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed.

(RAJESH BINDAL)
JUDGE

11.8.2015

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