

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

RFA No. 1692 of 1995 (O&M)

Date of decision : 20.8.2015

The State of Punjab

.. Appellant

versus

Gurdev Singh and others

.. Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
None for the landowners.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

The State is in appeal seeking reduction of compensation awarded to the landowners for the trees standing on the acquired land.

No one has appeared for the landowners at the time of hearing.

Briefly, the facts are that vide notification dated 9.3.1987, issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act'), the State of Punjab sought to acquire land measuring 5.17 acres along with trees standing thereon in the revenue estate of village Kheri Beer Singh, Hadbast No.308, Tehsil Sirhind, District Patiala, for the construction of Pamour distributory. Notification under Section 6 of the Act was also issued on the same day i.e. 9.3.1987. The Land Acquisition Collector (for short, 'the Collector') vide award dated 13.2.1989 assessed the market value of 20 trees standing on the acquired land at ₹ 2,069/-. Dissatisfied with the award of the Collector, the landowners filed objections. On reference, the learned court below determined the market value of the trees standing on the acquired land at ₹ 4,138/-. It is this award which has been impugned in the

present appeal.

A perusal of the paper-book shows that issue sought to be raised in the present appeal is regarding a meager amount of ₹ 2,069/-. The acquisition having taken place more than 28 years back and considering the fact that meager amount is involved in the present appeal, I do not find any reason to interfere therein at this stage.

Accordingly, the present appeal is dismissed.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

20.8.2015

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