

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 4582 of 2015

Date of Decision: 18.3.2015

Nathu Singh and others

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents.

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL.
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL.**

PRESENT: Mr. Rajiv Kataria, Advocate for the petitioners.

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J.

1. In this petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have prayed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus seeking declaration to the effect that the compulsory acquisition process issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (in short “the Act”) vide notification dated 20.4.1990 (Annexure P-1) followed by notification dated 18.4.1991 (Annexure P-2) under Section 6 of the Act and award dated 23.3.1993 (Annexure P-3) shall be deemed to have lapsed in terms of Section 24(2) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as “2013 Act”).

2. Government of Haryana vide notification dated 20.4.1990 (Annexure P-1) issued under Section 4 of the Act followed by notification dated 18.4.1991 (Annexure P-2) under Section 6 of the Act, acquired

land of the petitioners measuring 1 kanal 11 marlas for the public purpose, i.e. for residential, commercial, institutional and open space/recreational area in Gurgaon. After the acquisition, the petitioners are still continuing to be in possession of the said land. Neither the compensation was offered to them nor they have received the compensation till date.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are in physical possession of the land in dispute and compensation has not been paid to them. It was claimed that in such circumstances, in view of Section 24(2) of the 2013 Act, the notifications under Sections 4 and 6 of the Act had lapsed. It was further submitted that since no demand notice claiming the relief as claimed in respect of lapse of notifications has been filed with the respondents, liberty be granted to the petitioners to file a detailed and comprehensive representation before the appropriate authority by incorporating the grievance as raised in the present writ petition, however, direction be issued to the authority concerned to decide the representation expeditiously in a time bound manner in accordance with law.

4. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioners, perusing the present petition and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we dispose of the present petition by granting liberty to the petitioners to file a detailed and comprehensive representation raising all the pleas as raised in the present writ petition before the appropriate authority. It is directed that in the event of a representation being filed by the petitioners within a period of one month from today, the same shall be decided in accordance with law by passing a speaking order and after affording an opportunity of hearing to them within a period of four

months from the date of receipt of representation. The petitioners shall be entitled to lead any evidence to substantiate their claim before the concerned authority. Till the matter is decided by the said authority, status quo shall be maintained by the parties.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

March 18, 2015
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(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE