

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

CM No. 8125/CI of 2015 and
RFA No. 4175 of 2015 (O&M)
LAC No. 117 of 1991
Date of decision : 8.9.2015

Guran Ditta (deceased) through LR .. Applicant-Appellant
versus
Punjab State and others .. Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Ms. Mandeep K. Kahlon, Advocate,
for the applicant-appellant.
Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

The landowner is in appeal before this court against the award of the learned court below seeking enhancement of compensation for the acquired land. Along with the appeal, application seeking condonation of delay of 5,150 days in filing thereof has also been filed.

Briefly, the facts are that vide Notification dated 12.1.1990, issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act'), the land situated in the area of Villages Jugial and Rajpura, Tehsil Pathankot, District Gurdaspur, was sought to be acquired by the State of Punjab for construction of Ranjit Sagar Dam. Notification under Section 6 of the Act was issued on 28.2.1990. The Land Acquisition Collector (for short, 'the Collector'), vide his award dated 29.5.1991, assessed the market value of the acquired land at the following rates:-

<u>Village</u>	<u>Type of Land</u>	<u>Compensation awarded per acre in ₹</u>
Rajpura	a) Nehri/ Chahi	36,000/-
	b) Barani-I	30,000/-
	c) Barani-II/ gair mumkin/ rasta	24,000/-
Jugial	a) Barani-II	24,000/-

Dissatisfied with the award of the Collector, the landowner filed objections. On reference under Section 18 of the Act, the learned court

below vide award dated 31.3.2001, determined the market value of the acquired land at the following rates:-

<u>Village</u>	<u>Type of Land</u>	<u>Compensation awarded per acre in ₹</u>
Rajpura	a) Nehri/ Chahi	45,000/-
	b) Barani-I	38,000/-
	c) Barani-II/ gair mumkin/ rasta	29,000/-
Jugial	a) Barani-II	29,000/-

The aforesaid award has been impugned by the landowner in the present appeal seeking further enhancement.

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After hearing learned counsel for the parties and considering the judgment of Hon'ble the Supreme Court in Imrat Lal and others vs Land Acquisition Collector and others 2015(2) RCR (Civil) 437 and Dhiraj Singh (D) Tr. LRs. vs Haryana State and others 2015(2) RCR (Civil) 507, delay of 5,150 days in filing the appeal is condoned. However, for the period of delay in filing appeal, the appellant shall not be entitled to interest on the enhanced compensation.

Civil misc. stands disposed of.

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Learned counsel for the landowner submitted that the claim made in the present appeal is squarely covered by judgment of this court in RFA No. 4525 of 2001 - Thuru Ram vs State of Punjab and others, decided on 16.3.2009, whereby compensation for the land acquired vide same notification has been enhanced to ₹ 1,290/- per marla.

Learned counsel for the State did not dispute the aforesaid factual position.

Accordingly, for the reasons recorded in Thuru Ram's case (supra), the appeal is disposed of in the same terms. However, the landowner shall not be entitled to interest for the period of delay in filing the appeal i.e. 5,150 days.

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vs

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge