

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

**CM No. 684/CI of 2015 and
RFA No. 436 of 2015 (O&M)
LAC No. 150 of 27.7.2012**

Date of decision : 28.9.2015

Ravinder Kumar Verma and others	.. Applicants-Appellants
versus	
The State of Haryana and another	.. Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Mr. Kul Bhushan Sharma, Advocate, for the appellants.
Mr. Shivendra Swaroop, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

The landowners are in appeal seeking enhancement of compensation for the acquired land. Along with the appeal, an application, seeking condonation of delay of 538 days in filing thereof, has also been filed.

Briefly, the facts of the case are that vide notification dated 7.9.1992, issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act'), State of Haryana sought to acquire land, situated in village Mewla Maharajpur, Tehsil and District Faridabad for development and utilization thereof as residential, commercial and institutional Sectors 44 and 47 at Faridabad. The same was followed by notification dated 17.9.1993, issued under Section 6 of the Act. The Land Acquisition Collector (for short, 'the Collector') vide award dated 8.2.1995 assessed the market value of the acquired land @ ₹ 1,96,800/- per acre. Dissatisfied with the award of the Collector, the land owners filed objections. On reference under Section 18 of the Act, the learned court below, vide award dated 22.12.2012, assessed the market value of the acquired land @ ₹ 280/- per square yard. This award has been impugned by the landowners in the present appeal.

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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 538 days in filing the appeal is condoned. However, for the period of delay, the applicants shall not be entitled to interest on the enhanced compensation for the period of delay in filing the appeal.

CM stands disposed of.

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Learned counsel for the landowners submitted that the claim made in the present appeal is squarely covered by the judgment of Hon'ble the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal Nos.3279 -3287 of 2013-- Ashrafi and others vs State of Haryana and others, decided on 11.4.2013, whereby, compensation for the land acquired vide same notification was assessed @ ₹ 325/- per square yard.

Learned counsel for the State did not dispute the aforesaid fact.

Accordingly, for the detailed reasons recorded in Ashrafi's case (supra), the present appeal is disposed of in the same terms. However, the landowners shall not be entitled to interest for the period of delay in filing the appeal i.e. 538 days.

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vs

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge