

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

RFA No. 5930 of 2015 (O&M)
LAC No. 369 of 2011

Date of decision : 16.11.2015

Smt. Chhano (deceased) through LR and another .. Appellants

versus

State of Haryana and another .. Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Mr. M. S. Kathuria, Advocate for
Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Advocate, for the appellants.

Mr. Arun Beniwal, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

The present appeal has been filed by the landowners seeking enhancement of compensation for the acquired land. Along with the appeal, an application, seeking condonation of delay of 587 days in filing thereof, has also been filed.

Briefly, the facts of the case are that vide notification issued on 13.5.2009, published on 26.5.2009, under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act'), State of Haryana sought to acquire land situated within the revenue estate of village Danoda Kalan, Tehsil Narwana, District Jind, for construction of Surbra Link Channel. Notification under Section 6 of the Act was issued on 24.9.2009. The Land Acquisition Collector (for short, 'the Collector') vide award no.17 dated 29.12.2009 assessed compensation @ ₹ 8,00,000/- 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 23.1.2013 assessed the market value of the acquired land @ ₹ 10,00,000/- per acre. It is this award which has been impugned before this court by the landowners by filing 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 of 587 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 judgment of this Court in RFA No. 6159 of 2013 - Smt. Khazani and others vs State of Haryana and another, decided on 14.11.2013, whereby the compensation for the land acquired vide same notification was further enhanced to ₹ 10,94,000/- per acre.

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

Accordingly, for the reasons recorded in Smt. Khazani'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. 587 days.

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(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge