

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

**CM No. 1451/CI of 2015 in/ and
RFA No. 753 of 2015 (O&M)
LAC No. 353 of 2011**

Date of decision : 3.11.2015

Telu and others

.. Appellants

versus

State of Haryana and another

.. Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Mr. Vijay Saini, Advocate for
Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Advocate, for the applicants-appellants.
Ms. Vibha Tewari, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

This order will dispose of RFA Nos. 753 to 756 of 2015, as the same arise out of common acquisition.

The present appeals have been filed by the landowners seeking enhancement of compensation for the acquired land. Along with the appeals, applications for condonation of 581 days delay in filing thereof have 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 the 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 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 is impugned before this court by the landowners by filing the present appeals.

Delay

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and considering the judgments 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 581 days in filing the appeal is condoned. However, for the period of delay in filing the appeal, the appellants shall not be entitled to interest on the enhanced compensation.

CM stands disposed of.

Appeals

Learned counsel for the landowners submitted that the claim made in the present set of appeals 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 appeals are disposed of in the same terms. However, the landowners shall not be entitled to interest for the period of delay in filing the appeals i.e. 581 days.

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vs

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge