

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPS No. 6232 of 2016

1. Udhaw Ram Sahu S/o. Bali Ram Sahu, Aged About 46 Years R/o. Village Laat, Police Station Chhal, Civil and Revenue District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh).
2. Kanta Prasad S/o. Udhaw Ram Sahu, Aged About 20 Years R/o. Village Laat, Police Station Chhal, Civil and Revenue District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh).

---- Petitioners

Versus

1. South Eastern Coalfield Limited Through The Chairman-Cum-Managing Director Seepat Road Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
2. Chief General Manager, South Eastern Coalfield Limited, Raigarh Area, District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh)
3. The Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, South Eastern Coalfield Limited, Raigarh Area, District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh)
4. The Officer Incharge (Land Revenue) South Eastern Coalfield Limited, Chhal Sub Area, Raigarh, District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh)
5. The Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh (Chhattisgarh).

---- Respondents

Shri Govind Dewangan, counsel for the petitioners.
Shri Vinod Deshmukh, counsel for the SECL on advance copy.
Smt. Ashtha Shukla, P.L. for the State on advance copy.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

15/11/2016

This petition has been filed by the petitioners who are claiming employment in lieu of acquisition of their land by respondent/Coal Company.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are those, whose lands are involved in acquisition proceedings. They have become landless with no source of livelihood. The award was passed in the year 2013. The petitioners have raised claim of employment with the respondent / company.

2. According to the petitioners, they are entitled to employment under the rehabilitation policy dated 25/09/1991. Further submission of learned counsel for the petitioners is that the case of similarly situated land oustees came up for consideration before this Court in the case of *Ku. Rattho Bai and anr. Vs. South Eastern Coalfields Limited and ors.* in WPS No.432/2011 wherein this Court, after examining the grievance in the light of rehabilitation policy, passed an order on 23/07/2015 allowing the petition and directing the respondent / Coal company to provide suitable employment in terms of conditions incorporated in para 12 of the said order.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent / SECL on advance copy submits that till date, the respondent / coal company has not taken any decision on petitioners' claim for employment in lieu of acquisition of their land. It is submitted that the claim of the petitioners shall be examined in the light of order passed by this Court in the case of *Ku. Rattho Bai (supra)*. If the petitioners, on verification of facts, are found to be identically and similarly situated, their claim shall also be considered.

4. In view of aforesaid submission and order passed by this Court on 23/07/2015 in *Ku. Rattho Bai (supra)*, at this stage, it would be proper to dispose off this matter with a direction to respondent no.2 to examine the claim of the petitioners in the light of order dated 23/07/2015 passed in the case of *Ku. Rattho Bai (supra)*. If upon verification of facts, the petitioners herein are found to be identically situated, their case shall also be considered for grant of employment as per the policy of rehabilitation.

5. Considering that the matter relates to rehabilitation policy of land oustees, respondent No.2 is expected to take decision on the claim of respective petitioners within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

6. With the aforesaid observations / directions, the petition is finally disposed off.

Sd/-

(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge