

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.13024 of 2016.

Date of Decision: July 08, 2016

Ram Dhan and others

.....Petitioners

versus

The State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE DARSHAN SINGH.**

Present: Mr.R.N.Lohan, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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1. Whether Reporters of Local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

The petitioners' land alongwith a big chunk of land situated within the revenue estate of village Uchana Kalan, Tehsil Narwana, District Jind was acquired for the construction of a Grain Market by the Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board. Out of that land, 1.38 acre land which was incidentally owned by the petitioners, has now been given to the Department of Public Works (B&R) for construction of a Government Rest House. The petitioners allege that the above-stated diversion amounts to change of public purpose for which the land was acquired, hence the acquisition is bad.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner at a considerable length and after going through the record, we do not find any merit in the petitioners' contentions. We say so for the reason that development of Grain Market or construction of a Rest House both are

public purposes. Once the acquired land vests in the State Agencies free from all encumbrances, State can use such land for a changed public purpose also, i.e., other than for which the land was originally acquired. The change of public purpose for the purpose of utilization of acquired land would not vitiate the acquisition process.

Dismissed.

**[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE**

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**[DARSHAN SINGH]
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