

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

**CWP No. 26592 of 2016
Decided on : 22.12.2016**

Rajender Kumar and others

... Petitioners

Versus

National Highway Authority of India and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN**

PRESENT: Mr. Sudesh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of CWP Nos. 26592, 26626, 26627, 26628, 26629, 26630, 26631, 26632 & 26809 of 2016, as according to the learned counsel for the petitioners, the issue involved therein is related to the release of solatium and interest under the National Highways Act, 1956 (in short 'the Act') and thus is identical. Relevant facts are being extracted from CWP No. 26592 of 2016.

2. Since, the writ of *Mandamus* has been sought to be issued and the petitioners have approached this Court without first approaching the respondent-authorities for redressal of their grievances, therefore, after arguing for sometime, it was prayed that liberty may be granted to the petitioners to first approach the respondent-authorities by filing a detailed and comprehensive representation in the light of judgment of this Court rendered in the case “**M/s Golden Iron and Steel Forgings Vs. Union of India and others, 2011 (4) RCR (Civil) 375**”.

3. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioners, perusing the petition and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we

consider it appropriate to dispose of these writ petitions by permitting the petitioners to file detailed and comprehensive representation(s) by claiming the solatium and interest in respect of the acquisition(s) made under the Act within a period of two months from today. In case such representations are filed by the petitioners, the same shall be decided by the respondent-authorities within three months therefrom, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and by passing a speaking order, in accordance with law.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

December 22, 2016

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No