

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

**CWP No. 26902 of 2016
Decided on : 22.12.2016**

Manpreet Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and others

... Respondents

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

PRESENT: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of CWP Nos. 26902, 26903, 26906 & 26956 of 2016, as according to the learned counsel for the petitioner(s), 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. 26902 of 2016.

2. Since, the writ of *Mandamus* has been sought to be issued and the petitioner(s) has approached this Court without first approaching the respondent-authorities for redressal of his grievances, therefore, after arguing for sometime, it was prayed that liberty may be granted to the petitioner(s) 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 petitioner(s), 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

petitioner(s) 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 petitioner(s) 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