

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

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Chandigarh

CWP No. 3896 of 1998 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.1.2017

Punjab Wakf Board

.. Petitioner

vs

State of Punjab and another

.. Respondents

Coram: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal**
 Hon'ble Mr. Justice Harinder Singh Sidhu

Present: Mr. J. S. Bhatia, Advocate, for the petitioner.
 Mr. Piyush Bansal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

The writ petition was filed challenging the acquisition of land in village Hazi Rattan, Bathinda, for which notification under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act') was issued on 6.4.1992. Notification under Section 6 of the Act was issued on 8.4.1992. The alternative prayer was for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to release the compensation as awarded by the Land Acquisition Collector.

The land was acquired for setting up of Growth Centre at Bathinda. It is not in dispute that there was no interim stay granted. The land has already been utilised for the purpose for which it was acquired. In the affidavit dated 21.8.1998 filed by Dalip Singh Sakhon, Collector Land Acquisition, Department of Industries, Punjab, it has been stated that the amount of compensation of ₹ 71,19,640/- has already been paid to the petitioner on 19.8.1998.

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As the alternative prayer made by the petitioner has already been granted, the land has already been utilised for the purpose for which it was acquired, in our opinion, nothing survives in the present petition. The same is accordingly dismissed.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

24.1.2017
vs

(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No