

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

RFA No.825 of 1996
Date of decision: 30.08.2017

State of Punjab

... Appellant

Versus

Dial Singh (died) through his LR

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Ms. Lavanya Paul, AAG, Punjab,
for the appellant.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

State is in appeal against the award dated 25.01.1994, rendered by the Reference Court, vide which the compensation awarded to the claimant-land owners was enhanced. The appeal was admitted on 21.11.1996 i.e. 21 years ago. And, since there was no stay, in all probabilities, the respondent must have executed the impugned award and realized the compensation. Even after over two decades the respondents remain un-served, and the repeated communications issued by the branch to the office of Advocate General, Punjab to furnish the current address of the respondent has yielded no result. Resultantly, the matter is placed before this Court.

On being pointedly asked, leaned State counsel expresses her inability to provide the particulars or current address of the respondent.

That being so, the Court is choice-less, but to dismiss the appeal for non-prosecution. However, the State shall be at liberty to move an appropriate application for restoration of the appeal and its decision on merits, after it is equipped with current/correct address of the respondent.

August 30, 2017
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge

Whether speaking / reasoned:

NO

Whether Reportable:

NO