

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

CWP No.23231 of 2017
Date of decision: 11.10.2017

Jagsir Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Ajay Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

Notice of motion.

Mr. Jagmohan Ghuman, DAG, Punjab, present in court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Copies furnished.

For the nature of order I propose to pass in the matter, no formal written statement/counter-affidavit is indeed necessary on behalf of the respondents, at this stage. Thus, with the consent of the parties, the petition is being finally disposed of.

The land of the petitioners is alleged to have been acquired for construction and extension of NH-64. Vide award Nos.67 & 68, the competent authority had assessed the value of the acquired land. The case set out in the petition is that in terms of the said awards, the compensation was disbursed to the petitioners by issuing cheques for requisite amount. However, subsequently, the payment was stopped by the respondents. The limited grievance of the petitioners is that although they have been found entitled to receive the compensation in lieu of their land holding/shares in

the acquired land, but they are yet to realize the compensation. So much so, a representation dated 21.03.2017 (Annexure P3) was made to respondent No.3 in this regard and vide representation of an even date respondent No.2 was also apprised of the grievance of the petitioners, but to no avail. Even, before institution of this petition another representation dated 07.06.2017 (Annexure P5) was made to respondent No.2, but that too has failed to evoke any response.

In response, learned State counsel submits that claim of the petitioners as also their representations (Annexures P3 & P5) shall be considered and decided by the competent authority within a period of six weeks from today and the appropriate orders in this regard shall be passed.

Accordingly, the petition is disposed of in the above terms. Needless to assert that in the event the petitioners, for any reason, are not found entitled to the compensation being claimed, the competent authority shall pass a comprehensive order assigning reasons in support thereof.

October 11, 2017
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge

Whether speaking / reasoned:

YES

Whether Reportable:

NO