

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

CWP No. 460 OF 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 13.01.2017

Joginder Kaur and ors.

.. Petitioners

vs.

Union of India and ors.

.. Respondents

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

**Present:- Mr. H.S. Brar, Advocate
 for the petitioners.**

Rajesh Bindal, J.

Prayer in the present petition is for a direction to the official respondents not to disburse compensation payable on account of acquisition of land under the Railways Act, 1989 (for short 'the Act') till such time the issue regarding entitlement of compensation of various parties is determined in the pending proceedings as the land in question is a joint khata, where number of persons are co-sharers.

Learned counsel for the petitioners did not dispute the fact that the application filed by them claiming their right to receive compensation on account of acquisition of land, is pending consideration before the Competent Authority in terms of provisions of Section 20H of the Act. Sub Section 3 thereof clearly provides that the Competent Authority is to decide the claim of the persons interested.

Once the application has been filed by the petitioners and is pending consideration before the Competent Authority, which shall be dealt with, in accordance with law, we do not find any reason to interfere in the

present petition, at this stage. The petitioners may pursue the application filed.

Consequently, the writ petition is dismissed.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

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Whether Reportable:	Yes/No