

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**

**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.20670 of 2014**

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Ajit Kumar Saha, son of late Nityanand Saha, resident of village-Phulkaha (Nawabganj), Police Station-Nawabganj, District- Araria.

.... .... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director, Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Purnia.
4. The Superintending Engineer, Water Canal Circle, Purnia.
5. The District Magistrate, Saharsa.
6. The Executive Engineer, Water Canal Division, Saharsa.
7. The Special Land Acquisition Officer, Koshi Yojana, Saharsa.
8. The Special Land Acquisition Officer, Koshi Yojana, Purnia.

.... .... Respondents

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kaushal Kumar Jha, AAG-14

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY**

**ORAL JUDGMENT**

**Date: 13-02-2018**

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

In the present case, the petitioner is seeking compensation amount of the land which has been utilized for construction of drainage but no compensation has been paid till date and the petitioner is moving here and there with empty hand.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this court to the letter dated 02.02.2015 (Annexure-A to the counter affidavit), wherein it has been mentioned that proposal was to acquire 34.39 acres of land and later on, 21.97 acres of land



has been returned and 6.90 acres of land remained contemplation for acquisition. Those lands are appertaining to Khata no.361, Khesra No.680, 668, 667 and 666, total area 7.15 acres of land, but the said letter itself shows that finally the land has not been acquired as the proceeding remained pending.

Learned counsel for the State has submitted that this matter is of the year 1981-82, so it is very difficult to locate the relevant records.

So far the document does not show that finally the land was acquired. If the land has been acquired the petitioner should have approached the appropriate authority.

Let the petitioner approach the Collector, Saharsa, who will look into the matter and act in accordance with law.

Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of.

**(Shivaji Pandey, J)**

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