

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPC No. 1546 of 2019

1. Shyamlal S/o Chhotelal Aged About 69 Years R/o Village - Gatauri, Tahsil Bilha, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
2. Arun Kumar Tulshyam S/o Shyamlal Aged About 40 Years R/o Village - Gatauri, Tahsil Bilha, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
3. Ashish Kumar S/o Shyamlal Aged About 39 Years R/o Village - Gatauri, Tahsil Bilha, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

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Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Revenue And Disaster Management Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, New Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.
2. The Collector Cum Land Acquisition Bilaspur, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
3. The Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Bilaspur, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
4. The National Highway Authority Of India Through Its Competent Authority, Abhilasha Parisar, Housing Board Colohy, Behind New High Tech. Bus Stand, Tifra, Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

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For Petitioner : Shri Goutam Khetrapal, Advocate

For Respondents/State : Shri Anshuman Shrivastav, PL

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

01/05/2019

1. Heard.
2. The petitioner's land situated at Village Gautara, P.H. No.21,

Tahsil, RIC and District Bilaspur (CG) was acquired for construction of National Highways (Bilaspur-Katghora Section) for Bilaspur-Ratanpur Bypass.

3. While assessing compensation payable to the petitioner, multiplier factor of 1 has been applied, whereas, the Division Bench of this Court in WPC No.1649 of 2017 (**Smt. Anita Agrawal Vs. State of Chhattisgarh and others**) and other connected petitions, has set-aside the Notification dated 4.12.2014, applying multiplier factor of 1 with direction to the State Government to issue fresh Notification indicating the multiplier factors in terms of the guidelines laid down in the statute and the judgment of the Division Bench.
4. The following has been held by the Division Bench in para 10, 11 & 12.

“**10.** Further, the question is not about the power of the State Government to issue such notification, the question is the manner in which such power has been exercised which can also be levelled as mindless exercise of power since by restricting the multiplier of factor to 1.00, the State is obviously trying to treat all land owners as one. This will deny to the poor land owners of the remote villagers, fair compensation and rehabilitation, which is the

primary object behind the new Land Acquisition Act of 2013.

11. Drawing analogy from the view taken by the Division Bench of Bombay High Court, which we have quoted with due approval, Court is left with no option but to strike down the notification dated 04.12.2014 contained in Annexure P/1. A direction is issued that keeping in mind the legal position which emerges, the State Government will issue a fresh notification indicating the multiplier factors, in terms of the guidelines laid down in the statute and the judgment.

12. It goes without saying that all awards and compensations in relation to not only these Petitioners but all such persons whose lands have been acquired and a multiplier of 1.00 has been used for calculating the compensation, the same will be required to be revised and revisited in light of the new notification, which is required to be notified by the State Government, on priority.”

5. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with direction that the petitioner shall move a representation before the

concerned Collector (Land Acquisition)-respondent No.2 within a period of 4 weeks from today. Thereafter, the said Collector shall decide the representation within 10 weeks from the date of the State Government's fresh Notification in terms of the directions issued by the Division Bench.

6. The writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

Goutam Bhaduri
Judge

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