

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 1253 OF 2018
IN
FIRST APPEAL (ST) NO. 23844 OF 2017

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Ms. Tanaya Goswami, AGP for the Applicant.

CORAM: K.K.TATED, J.
DATED : 23/09/2019

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1 Not on board. At the request of the learned AGP for the Applicant, matter is taken on board for urgent order.

2 Heard learned AGP for the Applicant.

3 By this Civil Application, the Applicant is seeking stay of the operation and implementation of the Judgment and Award dated 10.08.2016 passed by the Civil Judge, Senior Division, Raigad at Alibag in LAR No. 810 of 2000 holding that the Respondents original Claimants are entitled to an additional compensation of Rs.59,98,851/- towards the acquired land.

4 The learned AGP submits that in the present proceeding, the Special Land

Acquisition Officer issued notification under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act dated 24.09.1986 for acquiring Respondent's land from village Dongri, Taluka Panvel, District Raigad for New Bombay project. She submits that by following due process of law, the Special Land Acquisition Officer by its award dated 25.09.1989 under Section 11 of the Land Acquisition Act held that Respondents Claimants are entitled to sum of Rs.61,349/- by way of compensation. She submits that being aggrieved by the said award, the Respondents Claimants preferred Reference under Section 18 of the L.A. Act for the compensation @ Rs.1500/- per sq. meter.

5 The learned AGP submits that the Reference Court awarded compensation in respect of acquired land on higher side. She submits that at the time of awarding additional compensation, the Reference Court failed to consider evidence on record particularly the relevant Sale instances on record. She submits that they have good chance of success in the present matter. She submits that in the interest of justice, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to stay the operation and implementation of the Judgment and Award passed by the

Reference Court. She submits that if entire amount is recovered by the Respondents Claimants in Execution Application, then nothing will survive in this First Appeal.

6 Considering the submissions made by the learned AGP for the Applicant and averments made in Civil Application, I am satisfied that Applicant has made out a case for allowing this Civil Application, but at the same time, they have to deposit entire awarded amount with accrued interest in the Reference Court.

7 Hence, the following order is passed:

a) Civil Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (b) on condition that Applicant to deposit the entire awarded amount with interest in the Reference Court on or before 30.11.2019, failing which Civil Application shall stand dismissed without further reference to the Court. Prayer clause (b), reads thus:

“b) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to stay the operation and/or execution and/or implementation of the Judgment and Award dated 10.08.2016 passed by the Learned Civil Judge, Senior Division, Raigad-Alibag in LAR No. 810 of 2000 (Old LAR No. 18 of 1991) till the hearing and final disposal of the above mentioned First Appeal.”

b) If amount is deposited within

stipulated time, the Reference Court is directed to invest the entire amount in fixed deposit of any nationalised bank, initially for a period of one year and same to be continued till further order.

c) Liberty is granted to the Respondents-Claimants, if they so desire, to prefer an appropriate application for withdrawal of amount and that to be decided on its own merits.

d) Civil Application stands disposed of accordingly.

e) No order as to costs.

(K.K.TATED, J.)