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

**COCP No.1115 of 2017
Date of Decision: 27.08.2019**

Gurpal Singh and another

Petitioners

Versus

K.B.S. Sidhu, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Irrigation,
Government of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Aditya Sharda, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

A writ petition bearing CWP No.15713 of 2006 was disposed of vide order dated 23.04.2014 whereby respondents were directed to determine the market value of the utilized land as on 13.02.1978 and to release the compensation amount to the petitioners in accordance with law. The present contempt petition has been filed stating that directions of this Court have not been complied with.

Pursuant to notice of motion, reply dated 18.07.2017 by way of affidavit of Executing Engineer, Canal Lining Division, Ferozepur was filed. Alongwith the reply, copy of order dated 14.07.2017 was annexed.

Learned State counsel submits that market value of the utilized land has been evaluated and compensation paid.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is not able to dispute that evaluation has been done and compensation has been paid. However, he submits that respondents are in possession of excess land than the land which was acquired. The said argument cannot be gone into present contempt petition as directions of this Court were, to determine the market value of the land utilized as on 13.02.1978.

The contempt petition is disposed of as infructuous. However, petitioners would be at liberty to raise their grievances in appropriate proceedings in accordance with law.

The rule issued against the respondents stands discharged.

**[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE**

August 27, 2019

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| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |