

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.02.2020

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.D. AUDIKESAVALU
W.P. Nos. 2576, 2577, 2579 and 2580 of 2020

1. Kumari

2. Kalyani

3. Rani

4. Kuppu

5. Palani

6. Vanasundari ... Petitioners in W.P. No. 2576 of 2020

Poorani ... Petitioner in W.P. No. 2577 of 2020

Krishnamurthy ... Petitioner in W.P. No. 2579 of 2020

Sakuntala ... Petitioner in W.P. No. 2580 of 2020

-vs-

1. Union of India,
Rep. by the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Government of Pondicherry,
Pondicherry.

2. The Revenue Officer cum Land Acquisition Officer,
Central University,
Land Acquisition Wing,
(Education Department),
Pondicherry. ... Respondents in all W.P.s

Prayer in W.P. No. 2576 of 2020:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to pay interest to the Petitioner in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of the acquisition of lands comprised in R.S. No. 108/4 measuring an extent of 0.45.00 hectares at Kalapet Village, Pondicherry.

Prayer in W.P. No. 2577 of 2020:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to pay interest to the

Petitioner in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of the acquisition of lands comprised in R.S. No. 158/8 measuring an extent of 0.16.00 hectares and in R.S. No. 33/pt measuring an extent of 0.76.75 hectares at Pillaichavady, Pondicherry.

Prayer in W.P. No. 2579 of 2020:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to pay interest to the Petitioner in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of the acquisition of lands comprised in R.S. Nos. 161/1 and 161/3 measuring an extent of 0.26.50 hectares at Kalapet Village, Pondicherry.

Prayer in W.P. No. 2580 of 2020:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to pay interest to the Petitioner in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of the acquisition of lands comprised in R.S. No. 173/5 measuring an extent of 0.12.00 hectares and R.S. No. 75/3 measuring an extent of 0.50.50 hectares at Pillaichavady, Pondicherry.

For Petitioners : Ms. Usha Ramman (in all W.P.s)

For Respondents : Mr. D. Ravichander,
Additional Government Pleader
(in all W.P.s) (Pondy)

C O M M O N O R D E R

Heard Ms. Usha Ramman, Learned Counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. D. Ravichander, Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the Respondents and perused the materials placed on record, apart from the pleadings of the parties.

2. This Court during the earlier hearing on 04.02.2020 had passed the following self-explanatory order:-

"2. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that persons who are similarly placed to the Petitioner had filed Writ Petitions in W.P. No. 36827 of 2004 etc., batch, seeking interest for compensation and this Court by common order dated 14.09.2018 directed them to approach the Second Respondent and file a detailed representation along with calculation memo regarding their entitlement to interest and that the Second

Respondent was required to consider the same and pass suitable orders on merits and in accordance with law after affording opportunity to them.

3. In view of the same, the Petitioner in this Writ Petition shall submit his representation along with a calculation memo for entitlement of interest to the Second Respondent by 10.01.2020 and on its receipt, the Second Respondent shall fix a date for conducting enquiry giving notice to the Petitioner and after affording full opportunity of hearing, shall pass reasoned orders on merits and in accordance with law and communicate the decision taken under written acknowledgement and report of the compliance in that regard shall be filed on the next hearing. "

When the matter is taken up for hearing today, Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the Respondents seeks extension of time to comply with the aforesaid order till 31.03.2020 and informs that the payment, if found due to the Petitioners, would be made by 30.04.2020 under written acknowledgement. The report of such compliance shall be filed in this regard on or before 03.06.2020 before the Registrar (Judicial) of this Court.

3. Accordingly, these Writ Petitions are disposed on the aforesaid terms. No costs.

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Secretary to the Government of India,
Revenue Department,
Government of Pondicherry,
Pondicherry.
2. The Revenue Officer cum Land Acquisition Officer,
Central University,
Land Acquisition Wing,
(Education Department),
Pondicherry.

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