

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH
115(PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)**

CR-2215-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.09.2020

CHHOTU RAM

...PETITIONER

V/S

**SUB DIVISION OFFICER (CIVIL CUM ASSISTANT COLLECTOR),
FIRST GRADE SIRSA AND ORS**

..RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Ms. Anju Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kirti Singh, DAG, Haryana,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL

Learned counsel for the State, on the basis of the email received from the Assistant Collector, 2nd Grade-cum-Tehsildar, Sirsa dated 09.09.2020 explaining the reason as to why the appeal, which was filed on 12.09.2018, could not be heard earlier, informs the Court that as of now the Land Acquisition Officer, Hisar has initially heard the case on 08.09.2020 and the next date of hearing is 15.09.2020. On the said date, the matter is likely to be considered and an effort is being made to decide the same at an early date.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the Appellate Authority may proceed with the case expeditiously but as far as the application/prayer of the applicant-appellant for stay is concerned, the same may be at least decided on 15.09.2020, the date fixed before the Appellate Authority.

The request of the counsel for the petitioner appears to be reasonable. Since the matter is pending for more than two years in appeal, a direction is, therefore, issued to the Land Acquisition Officer, Hisar, which is the Appellate Authority, to at least proceed to consider and decide the application/prayer of the applicant-appellant on 15.09.2020 or by 17.09.2020 positively.

With these observations/directions, the revision petition stands disposed of.

September 10, 2020

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No