

Civil Writ Petition No. 12790 of 2017

Date of Decision: March 06, 2020

Ranjana Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. P.P.S Thethi, Advocate
for respondents No. 2 to 4.

Lisa Gill, J.

The petitioner has challenged order dated 30.11.2016 (Annexure P4) whereby respondent No. 2 has rejected the petitioner's claim for changing the route/path while transferring 33 KV line to 66 KV line. It is further prayed that the proposed high tension 66 KV transmission be not installed as proposed, over a portion of the residential house of the petitioner.

Written statement on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 stands filed. It is stated therein that the petitioner's house was constructed outside the *Lal Dora* of village Kaunterpur, Tehsil and District Pathankot under the pre-existing 33 KV transmission line, which was laid down in 1962 and made operational in 1963. The petitioner's house, it is stated, has been constructed much later. 33 KV transmission line was laid on single rail poles between the sub-stations Mirthal and Nangalbhoor. Keeping in view the requirements for transmission of higher capacity of load, it was decided by the Department to upgrade 33 KV line to 66 KV voltage level

transmission line for augmentation of power transmission system. Route plan of 66 KV line was approved by the office of Deputy Chief Engineer and thereafter notified vide notification dated 04.12.2015 (attached as Annexure P1 with the writ petition). The said notification was stated to be widely circulated apart from being published in Government Gazette and various newspapers. It is specifically stated in the said reply that the petitioner's house falls under the right of way of 66 KV line between Tower Nos. 24 and 25. In order to take care of safety and other factors, an extra height of three (3) meters was provided between the said towers and minimum ground clearance of 66 KV conductors in this section and house of the petitioner, has been provided at over 28 feet. Construction work of the transmission line was completed on 30.09.2016 and the line is stated to be operational since the beginning of the year 2017.

Present writ petition was filed on 30.05.2017. It is noticed that none has been appearing on behalf of the petitioner on the last number of occasions. Today again, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

Present writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed in default.

March 06, 2020
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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No