

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPC No. 1079 of 2021**

- Shiv Kumar S/o Dhansay Aged About 50 Years R/o Village- Kirari Tehsil- Masturi, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. Union Of India Through Secretary, Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways Transport Bhawan, 1, New Delhi.
2. Project Director National Highway Authority Of India (Nhai) Project Implementation Unit D-61, Hig-1, Abhilasha Parisar Behind New Bus Stand Tifra Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
3. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary Department Of Revenue Mahanadi Bhawan, Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. Collector Bilaspur District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
5. Sub-Divisional Officer Cum Competent Authority Land Acquisition Bilaspur District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
6. Inspector General Registration And Superintendent Of Stamp Gst Bhawan Raipur, District- Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

For Petitioners	:	Mr. K.K. Patel, Advocate
For Respondent No. 1/UOI	:	Mr. Tushar Dhar Diwan, Advocate on behalf of Mr. Ramakant Mishra, ASG
For Respondent No. 2/NHAI	:	Mr. Himanshu Pandey on behalf of Mr. B. Gopa Kumar, Advocate
For Respondents No. 3 to 6/State	:	Mr. Gagan Tiwari, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri**Order on Board****24/02/2021**

1. Heard
2. The grievance of the petitioner in the present writ petition seems to be

aggrieved by the inadequate compensation that the petitioner has been awarded in the course of acquiring his property for the purpose of construction of National Highway No. 200 (New No. 49).

3. According to the petitioner, the authorities have not applied proper multiplier while quantifying the compensation. Similarly, the authorities concerned have applied different yardsticks for similar nature of properties lying adjacent to each other and in the process, different rates of compensation have been given to different owners which also is arbitrary.
4. Perusal of the record would show that the properties were acquired in the present case applying the provisions of the National Highways Act, 1956 (in short "the Act of 1956"). Section 3 G (5) of the Act of 1956 reads as under:

“3G(5) If the amount determined by the competent authority under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) is not acceptable to either of the parties, the amount shall on an application by either of the parties, be determined by the arbitrator to be appointed by the Central Government.”

5. It has been informed by the learned ASG that the Additional Commissioner of Bilaspur Division has been appointed as the authority to act as an Arbitrator for determining proper compensation. Since the petitioner's property has been acquired and who is aggrieved of the multiplier applied in the process of quantifying the compensation, this Court is of the opinion that the matter is one which needs to be dealt with by raising an appropriate dispute by the petitioner before the Additional Commissioner under the provisions of Section 3 G (5) of the Act of 1956.

6. Subject to the petitioner approaching the Additional Commissioner, the Additional Commissioner shall decide the same objectively by passing a speaking order. The petitioner is directed to raise his dispute before the Additional Commissioner in accordance with law at the earliest, preferably within a period of 2 weeks from today and the Additional Commissioner is expected to take a decision at the earliest preferably within 60 days from the date of receipt of the application of the petitioner.
7. With the aforesaid observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

Goutam Bhaduri
Judge