

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**Writ Petition (C) No. 1414 of 2021**

1. Rohit Sidar, S/o Late Balak Ram, Aged About 61 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
2. Chameli Bai, W/o Kartikram, Aged About 50 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
3. Kalachand Patel, S/o Late Dhaja Ram Patel, Aged About 56 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
4. Suklal Kanwar, S/o Late Siyaram Kanwar, Aged About 50 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
5. Jitendra Kanwar, S/o Late Anand Ram Kanwar, Aged About 29 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
6. Hariram, S/o Late Loknath, Aged About 70 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
7. Mini Bai, Wd/o Awadh Ram, Aged About 54 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
8. Abhayram, S/o Late Loknath, Aged About 64 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
9. Bhakulal, S/o Devcharan, Aged About 65 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
10. Dasratlal, S/o Firturam, Aged About 52 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
11. Ram Prasad, S/o Late Daduram, Aged About 70 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
12. Itwari, S/o Late Nanki, Aged About 70 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
13. Lokesh, S/o Mangal Bharti, Aged About 26 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
14. Bhok Singh, S/o Late Bharat, Aged About 52 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
15. Gurwari, S/o Budga Kanwar, Aged About 80 Years, Resident of Village Masaniyakala, Tehsil Sakti, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.

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1. Union of India, Through Ministry of Road Transport And Highways, Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001.
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, Champa, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
 5. Sub-Divisional Officer cum Competent Authority Land Acquisition, Champa, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
 6. Inspector General Registration And Superintendent of Stamp, GST Bhawan, Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Respondents**

For Petitioners : Ms. Palak Jindal, Advocate.

For Respondent/UOI : Mr. Ramakant Mishra, ASG.

For Respondent/State : Mr. Somkant Verma, P. L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order on Board

09.03.2021

1. The grievance of the petitioners in the present writ petition seems to be aggrieved by the inadequate compensation that the petitioners have been awarded in the course of acquiring their properties for the purpose of construction of National Highway No. 200 (New No. 49).
2. According to the petitioners, 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.
3. 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.”

4. 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 there are 13 petitioners herein whose properties situated at different places have been acquired and who are 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 individually by raising an appropriate individual dispute by each of the petitioners before the Additional Commissioner under the provisions of Section 3 G (5) of the Act of 1956.
5. Subject to the petitioners approaching the Additional Commissioner, the Additional Commissioner shall decide the same objectively by passing a speaking order. The petitioners are directed to raise their dispute individually 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 90 days from the date of receipt of the application of the petitioners.
6. With the aforesaid observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

Goutam Bhaduri
Judge