

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPC No. 1371 of 2021**

1. Ramesh Kumar S/o Late Jagdish Prasad Sharma Aged About 52 Years
2. Bhagela Ram Sahu S/o Feku Ram Sahu Aged About 73 Years
3. Shyambai W/o Janak Ram Aged About 62 Years
4. Sita Ram Sahu S/o Mukhi Ram Sahu Aged About 51 Years
5. Kaushal Prasad Sahu S/o Mukhi Ram Sahu Aged About 47 Years

All are R/o Ranigaon Tehsil Ratanpur District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

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Versus

1. Union Of India Through Secretary, Ministry Of Road Transport, 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 Bilaspur District - Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
5. Sub - Divisional Officer Cum Competent Authority Land Acquisition Bilaspur District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

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For Petitioner	:	Shri Surfaraj Khan, Advocate
For NHAI	:	Shri Dhiraj Kumar Wankhede, Advocate
For Union of India	:	Shri Tushar Dhar Diwan on behalf of Shri Ramakant Mishra, ASG
For Respondent/ State	:	Ms. Richa Shukla, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

17.03.2021

Heard.

1. The grievance of the petitioners in the present writ petition seems to be the inadequate compensation that the petitioners have been awarded in the course of acquiring his properties for the purpose of construction of National Highway No. 130. .
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 the land of the petitioner has been acquired and he is aggrieved with 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 the petitioner 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, it is expected that the Additional Commissioner shall take into consideration the guidelines and parameters that have been laid down for the purpose of quantifying compensation. It is also expected that 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 90 days from the date of receipt of the application of the petitioner.

6. With the aforesaid observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge

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