

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Writ Petition (C) No. 5309 of 2021

Santram Dixena S/o Late Bhuwan Lal, Aged About 63 Years, R/o
Village Mungadih, Block Pali, District Korba, Chhattisgarh

---Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Public Works Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. Collector, District Korba, Chhattisgarh.
3. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) / Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) Katghora, District Korba, Chhattisgarh.
4. Union of India Through The Secretary, Ministry Of Road, Transport And National Highways, New Delhi (India).
5. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, National Highway Division, Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
6. National Highways Authority of India Through Its Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

---Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Shri Himanshu Soni, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	:	Ms. Shriya Mishra, Panel Lawyer.
For Union of India	:	Shri Tushar Dhar Diwan on behalf of Mr. Ramakant Mishra, ASG.
For Respondent No.6	:	Shri Dhiraj Wankhede with Mayank Kumar, Advocates.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy
Order on Board

21.12.2021

1. The grievance of petitioner in the present writ petition seems to be 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. 111 (New No. 130).

2. 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.
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. Considering the nature of claim raised by the petitioner and also the fact that the claim of the petitioner is one which can be decided only after due verification and scrutiny of the revenue records and also on physical verification of the actual acquisition done, this Court is of the opinion that the matter needs to be dealt with before the Additional Commissioner under the provisions of Section 3 G (5) of the Act of 1956.
5. 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.

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

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge

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