

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30.03.2021

CORAM: JUSTICE N.SESHASAYEE

WP.No.1581 of 2019

M.G.Govindarajan

...Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The District Collector,
Salem,
Salem District.

2.The Sub Collector cum RDO
(Land Acquisition Officer),
Mettur, Mettur Taluk,
Salem District.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue an order of writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to pay the compensation of Rs.44,342/- with statutory interest to the petitioner as per award dated 27.02.2007 in award No.1-2001-2002 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 27.06.2017.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Elango

For Respondents : Mr.D.Raja
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner's land was acquired and the grievance expressed by the petitioner is that the compensation has not been paid in terms of the Award yet.

2.Mr.D.Raja, learned Additional Government Pleader entered appearance for the respondents and made a statement on instructions that earlier a cheque was prepared in the name of the mother of the petitioner but, the amount does not appear to have been disbursed. Now, the petitioner has approached for compensation. He further submitted that the Authorities concerned only need time to ascertain this fact and are willing to disburse the amount if the same is not disbursed earlier. He also added that due to the ongoing election process, the respondents may be given time till after the conclusion of the General Elections scheduled to take place on 06.04.2021.

3.The said statement of the learned Additional Government Pleader is recorded.

4.This matter has been repeatedly coming up before this Court for the same purpose and for close to two years, this Court only hears the statements made by the Law Officers of the Government without any adequate progress. It is disturbing that the Authorities are taking time to consider only if the petitioner is entitled to receive any compensation amount. Let it be left there.

5.Now, the respondents are directed to ascertain disbursement of the compensation amount earlier to the mother of the petitioner and if the same has not been done so, they are directed to disburse the same to the petitioner within a period of 2 weeks immediately after the conclusion of the General Elections on 06.04.2021.

6.This Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

7.Post the matter for reporting compliance on 21.04.2021 (which is at least couple of weeks before the counting commences for the General Elections and the Authorities would be busy only during the time of counting and not any time before that).

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS-VI)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.21017

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