

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP-16798-2021(O&M)
Date of Order: 31.08.2021**

NARENDER KUMAR

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Samarth Sagar, AAG, Haryana.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

Through this writ petition, the petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus to direct the official respondents to release the amount of compensation assessed by the Land Acquisition Collector in Award No.40 dated 24.12.2015. It is claimed that the petitioner's land was acquired by the State for installing 66KV/220KV Sub Station in Gurugram.

It has been asserted that the Land Acquisition Collector has failed to pay the amount to the petitioner for last 7 ½ years.

Mr. Samarth Sagar, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, enters appearance for the respondents and on instructions from Sh. Sandeep Dahiya, LAO, Gurugram, HSVP, stated that the payment shall be released to the petitioner within 10 days from today.

It is apparent that a land owner who has been deprived of his land has been made to wait for the compensation for a long period of 7 ½ years.

It is appalling that after having taken over the land, the compensation has not been paid for such a long time. The delay in payment of the amount is colossal.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the Chief Secretary, Haryana, is directed to hold an inquiry and submit a report pointing out the officials who were responsible for the delay and the action proposed to be taken against them.

Let the report be filed within one month from today.

In view of the statement made, the writ petition is disposed of.

The office is directed to list the case on the filing of the report before the Bench.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

August 31, 2021

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No