

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

Sr. No.122

**Civil Writ Petition No.8206 of 2022
Date of Decision : April 22, 2022**

Raj Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. S.K. Sharma (Budhladawale), Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner alleges that her vacant commercial land has been encroached by the Irrigation Department as well as Forest Department of the State of Punjab. For redressal of her grievance, she had filed CWP No.10172 of 2015, which was disposed of vide order dated 22.03.2017 with a direction to the respondents to assess compensation for the land encroached upon after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. In case, the petitioner was found entitled to payment of compensation, the same be paid as expeditiously as possible and the entire exercise be completed within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of that order. Allegedly, the said order was flouted and thus, COCP No.3898 of 2018 was filed. During the pendency thereof, a cheque of Rs.20,58,000/- was handed over in Court and the contempt petition was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 14.01.2020 with liberty to challenge the order of assessment of compensation. The order of assessment of compensation is dated 03.05.2019, according to which,

compensation has been determined for 17 biswas land @ Rs.1,22,000/- per biswa. The same is alleged to be grossly inadequate as allegedly 02 bighas and 07 biswas of land has been encroached. Thus, representation dated 15.04.2021 (Annexure P-15) has been submitted before respondent No.3 but no action has been taken thereupon till date.

Notice of motion .

Mr. Arun K. Kaundal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab-respondents.

Considering the nature of the order being passed no reply is necessary.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 (Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur) to decide the pending representation dated 15.04.2021 (Annexure P-15) by passing a speaking order within eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

April 22, 2022

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No