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123 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16659-2023
Date of decision: 03.08.2023

MEHMA SINGH AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Naresh Kaushal, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (ORAL)

By way of present writ petition, prayer has been made for issuance of directions to respondent No.2 for deciding the applications dated 03.09.2013 and 13.01.2014 having invoked Section 28-A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') for re-determination of compensation.

2. Notice of motion.

3. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Athar Ahmad, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State.

4. In the present case, land owned by the petitioners, situated in village Manauli, Tehsil and District SAS Nagar (Mohali) was acquired and awards in this regard were passed on 29.05.2009 and 16.04.2010. Having failed to file reference under Section 18 of the Act, the petitioner invoked Section 28-A thereof, by filing separate applications dated 03.09.2013 and 13.01.2014 before respondent No.2, which were received vide diary

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Nos.7064 and 433 respectively, seeking re-determination of compensation by relying upon awards dated 12.08.2013 and 15.10.2013 respectively, passed by the reference Court relating to the similar acquisition proceedings.

5. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that the aforesaid petitions dated 03.09.2013 and 13.01.2014 shall be considered and decided within a period of three months from today.

6. In view of aforesaid submissions, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to adjudicate upon the applications dated 03.09.2013 and 13.01.2014 filed at the instance of petitioners-landowners under Section 28-A of the Act, within a period of three months from today.

7. Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

03.08.2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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