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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 25163 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 08.11.2023**

Banwari Lal Yadav and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Rajesh Lamba, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.

The petitioners, twenty-one (21) in number, by way of present writ petition, seek issuance of a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* directing the respondents to pay the interest on the delayed disbursement of compensation, in accordance with the provisions of Section 80 of The Right to Fair Compensation and Resettlement in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (hereinafter to be referred as “the 2013 Act”).

[2] It transpires that the land of petitioners was acquired vide Award No. 4, dated 21.04.2011 passed by respondent No. 5 – Land Acquisition Collector, Gurgaon (for short “LAC”). It is claimed that inspite of taking the possession of land in the year 2011, compensation was paid in the year 2021, i.e. after a period of ten years.

[3] At the outset, learned counsel on instructions from petitioners, submits that instead of pressing the present petition on merits, his clients would be satisfied in case their representation dated Nil (**Annexure P-4**)

made before respondent No. 5 for grant of interest on the compensation, is decided expeditiously.

[4] Notice of motion to the aforesaid limited extent.

[5] On asking of the Court, Mr. Shivendra Swaroop, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent(s)-State and raises no objection against the innocuous prayer of the petitioners.

[6] In view of the above, but without expressing any opinion on merits of the claim of petitioners, this writ petition is **disposed off** with direction to respondent No. 5 – Land Acquisition Collector-cum-District Revenue Officer, Guragon, to decide the aforesaid representation of petitioners in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

[7] Needless to say that if the petitioners are still aggrieved, they would be at liberty to challenge the order.

November 08, 2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>