

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4333 of 2024

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Gajendra Dwivedi S/o Late Abadh Dwivedi, R/o Village Pirokhar, P.S. Madhawapur, District Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Director the Land Development Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Project Director, the National Highway Authority of India Professor Colony Dighi West Darbhanga.
3. The Arbitrator cum Commissioner, Darbhanga.
4. The District Magistrate, Madhubani.
5. The Land Acquisition Officer, Madhubani.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Krishna Murari, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Jai Prabhat Kishore, AC to SC-13
For the NHAI	:	Mr. Iti Suma, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 25-06-2024 Heard the parties.

2. The present petition has been preferred for issuance of direction to the Respondent no.3, the Arbitrator cum Commissioner, Darbhanga for considering the claim of the petitioner filed before him Arbitration Case No. 1/20 for payment of compensation at the residential rate, place of Agricultural Land Acquired Widening for NH 527(c) bearing Mauza Pirokhar, Plot No. 1549, Area 7.91 decimal boundary North-Yogendra Dubey, South-Madan Lal, East- Chandeshwar Dubey, West-Road.

3. This Court has regularly shows its anguish to the



state of affairs prevailing in Bihar where a citizen has to approach the Patna High Court merely for disposal of a particular case, in this case the Arbitration Case No. 01/2020 pending before the Arbitrator cum Commissioner, Darbhanga since last four and half years.

4. A perusal of the certified copy of the petition preferred by the petitioner before the Commissioner, Darbhanga shows that it was filed on 27.01.2020. It is unfortunate that it could not be disposed of in next four years, forcing the petitioner to move before this Court.

5. The respondents are present and unanimous on the point that the matter has to be taken to its logical conclusion at an earliest, if the same has still not been disposed of.

6. The writ petition stands disposed of directing the Arbitrator cum Commissioner, Darbhanga division, Darbhanga to immediately take up the matter, if still not disposed of and take the same to its logical conclusion in next three months after hearing all the necessary parties.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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