



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.**

FIRST APPEAL NO. 1110 OF 2023

Mohan S/o Jainarayan Agrawal,
Aged about 55 years, Occ.-Agriculturist,
R/o. Darwha,
Tq. Darwha, District - Yavatmal.

.... **APPELLANT**

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- 1) The State of Maharashtra,
Through Collector, Yavatmal,
Tq. & Dist. Yavatmal.
- 2) The Sub-Divisional Officer and
Land Acquisition Officer, Darwha,
Tq. Darwha, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 3) The Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation Division, Pusad,
Tq. Pusad, Dist. Yavatmal.

.... **RESPONDENTS**

Mr. A. B. Nakshane, Advocate for Appellant.
Ms. Deepa Charlewar, Assistant Government Pleader for
Respondent Nos.1 and 2.
Mr. Mangesh A. Kadu, Advocate for Respondent No.3.

CORAM : SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 02.08.2024.

ORAL JUDGMENT.

1. This appeal is preferred against the judgment and award passed by Civil Judge, Senior Division, Darwha, District Yavatmal dated 26.11.2012 in Land Acquisition Case No.1889/2004 (Old L.A.C. No. 120/2003).

2. The challenge under this appeal is about plot Nos.12, 13 and 17 having open plot area 118.34, 82.55 and 98.88 sq.mtrs. and constructed area 29.98, 3.90 and 98.88, sq.mtrs. situated at village Kumbharkinhi, Taluka Darwaha, District Yavatmal was acquired for public purpose under Kumbharkini project. Under the same project, other lands as well as constructed houses were acquired under the same notification and same purposes.

3. Learned Advocate for the appellant pointed out the judgment in ***First Appeal No.364/2016 (Ganesh Pundlik Deeve Vs. Executive Engineer, Kumbharkinhi Dam Division Pusad, Tq. Pusad Distt. Yavatmal and others)*** dated 22nd February, 2021 wherein this Court after considering parity enhanced the compensation regarding constructed structure of the same village at the rate of Rs.3200/- per sq. mtr. and upheld Rs.240/- per sq.mtr. for open plot. He, therefore, prayed to award the same rate to the appellant.

4. Perused the impugned judgment and the judgment of this Court dated 22nd February, 2021 passed in First Appeal No.364/2016.

5. Heard learned Advocate for both sides.

6. The admitted facts are that plot No.12, 13 and 17 of village Kumbharkinhi, Tahsil Darwaha, District Yavatmal was acquired

admeasuring open plot area 118.34, 82.55 and 98.88 sq.mtrs. and structure as 29.98, 3.90 and 98.88, sq.mtrs. by notification dated 6.11.1997 according to the award passed on 30.12.2000. By the award of Land Acquisition Officer, Rs.80/- per sq. mtr. for each open plot and Rs.2895/-, Rs.838/- and Rs.1975/- per sq. mtr. for construction was fixed. The appellant was not satisfied with the award, therefore, filed reference before the Civil Judge, Senior Division, Darwaha. The Reference Court granted Rs.120/- each for open plot area and Rs.3500/-, Rs.1300/- and Rs.2400/- per sq. mtr. for construction. However, after appreciation of the evidence of the expert, this Court in the case of *Ganesh Pundlik Deeve* (cited supra) considered Rs.3,200/- per sq. mtr. rate for constructed area and upheld Rs.240/- per sq.mtr. for open plot of same village. The appellant is also entitled for same rate of compensation. Considering this fact and applying the principle of parity, the appeal deserves to be partly allowed. The impugned judgment and award of the Reference Court deserves to be partly set aside and modified.

7. The appeal is **partly allowed**.

8. The appellant is entitled for compensation at the rate of **Rs.240/-** for open plot area 118.34, 82.55 and 98.88 sq.mtrs. and **Rs.3,200/-** per sq. mtr. for the constructed area of 3.90 and 98.88,

sq.mtrs., to that extent impugned judgment and award is modified along with statutory benefits except the period for which the delay was caused in filing the appeal and it was condoned by this Court.

9. The respondent No.3 is directed to calculate the appropriate compensation as per above rate and deposit the remaining amount in this Court within six months.

10. After depositing the amount appellant is entitled to withdraw the same and no any further application or order is required for directions to the registry.

11. The registry is directed accordingly to pay that amount.

12. The appeal is **disposed of**.

(SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J.)