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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 05.08.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE P.T.ASHA

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Chandrasekar @ Muthuperumal

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Arbitrator/the District Collector,
Trichirappalli,
Trichirappalli District.

2.The Authorized Officer/the Special
District Revenue Officer,
Land Acquisition, National Highways 227,
Collectorate Campus, Trichirappalli,
Now office at: the Pudukkottai Collectorate Campus,
Pudukkottai and District.

3.The Project Director,
National Highways 227,
No.6, 1st Floor, VGP Nagar West,
Vazhutharetti, Villuppuram-605 401.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,
praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the
records on the file 1st respondent pertaining to his order bearing



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Me.Mu.No.C4/34/2021 dated 24.02.2022 and quash the same and consequently direct the 1st respondent to arbitrate upon the petitioner's claim petition dated 21.05.2021 filed U/s.3-G(5), (6) and (7) of the National Highways Act r/w. the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 for enhancement of compensation within a time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
For RR1 & 2	:	Mr.P.Thambidurai Government Advocate
For R3	:	Mr.Su.Srinivasan

ORDER

Aggrieved by the rejection of his claim petition filed invoking the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, as incorporated in Section 3G of the National Highways Act, the petitioner is before this Court.

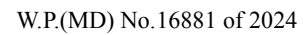


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2. It is the case of the petitioner that an extent of 1160 sq. mt of wet land in S.No.45/4A (45/4A2) in Sirumaruthur Village, Lalgudi Taluk, Trichy District, had been acquired for forming the National Highway 227 Trichy – Chidambaram. Notification under Section 3(a) of the National Highways Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) had been issued on 14.02.2011 and after the related procedures, the lands have been acquired besides other lands on 31.07.2017.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the properties originally belonged to him and he is in possession and enjoyment of the same. The petitioner would submit that he had requested the respondents to pay compensation as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, but the said request has been glossed over and a very meagre compensation has been granted. Therefore, in compliance with the provisions of the Act, the petitioner had lodged a claim petition before the first respondent in keeping with the provisions of Section 3-G(5) of the Act. The claim petition had been filed on 21.05.2021 and it has been rejected by the first



4. From the above narration, it is evident that the last date for filing claim petition had fallen due between the period 15.03.2020 and 15.03.2022. It is this period, which has been excluded by the Hon'ble Supreme Court by its order having application all over the country. Therefore, the rejection order passed by the first respondent appears to be justified.



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5. In the result, this writ petition is allowed, the impugned order bearing Me.Mu.No.C4/34/2021, dated 24.02.2022 is set aside and the matter is remitted back to the first respondent for considering the case of the petitioner afresh in the manner known to law. The first respondent shall pass orders within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

NCC : Yes/No

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Internet : Yes

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