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W.P.No.41122 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 05.11.2025

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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K.Shanmugasundaram

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector
Collectorate Campus,
Thummankurichi, Namakkal.

2. The Competent Authority And District Revenue Officer
(land Acquisition), National Highways
No.7, Collectorate Campus,
Thummankurichi, Namakkal.

3. The Project Director
National Highways Authority Of India,
Sale.212-3/d3-1, Srinagar Colony,
Narajothipatti, Salem-636 004.

... Respondents

Prayer:

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, Directing the Respondents to pay solatium at 30 percent and Additional Market value at 12 percent on the enhanced compensation amount as re-determined by the 1st respondent



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in the Award dated 01.08.2017, vide Na.Ka.7201/ 2012 /case No. 09/ 2011/ Arbitration, along with interest at the rate of 9 percent per annum for the first year and 15 percent per annum for the subsequent years, from the date of taking possession till the date of realization, in respect of the petitioners acquired land situated in S.No.22/2-43, Andagalur village, Rasipuram Taluk, Namakkal District, in accordance with the judgment of the Honble Supreme Court in Union of India V. Tarsem Singh, by duly considering the petitioners representation dated 05.05.2025, within the stipulated time as fixed by this Honble court.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Vairamoorthy

For Respondent : Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan AGP
for R1 & 2
Mrs.S.R.Sumathy, St.counsel for R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the Respondents to pay Solatium at 30% and Additional Market Value at 12% on the enhanced compensation amount as re-determined by the 1st respondent in the Award dated 01.08.2017, along with interest at the rate of 9% per annum for the first year and 15% per annum for the subsequent years, from the date of taking possession till the date of



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realization, in respect of the Petitioner's acquired land, in accordance with the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Union of India V. Tarsem Singh, by duly considering the Petitioner's representation dated 05.05.2025, within the stipulated time as fixed by this Court.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner's lands were acquired by the 2nd respondent for the purpose of widening four-lane road in National High Way No.7, under the provisions of the National Highways Act, 1956. Thereafter, the 2nd respondent passed an Award dated 04.02.2008 determining the compensation for the acquired land. Since the amount of compensation was less than the prevailed market rate, the petitioner had filed a petition before the 1st respondent seeking enhancement of the amount of compensation and the said Authority, by Award dated 01.08.2017, enhanced the amount of compensation. However, failed to award 30% Solatium and 12% Additional Market Value on the enhanced compensation at that time.



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3. Further, he would submit that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Union of India Vs. Tarsem Singh and others reported in (2019) 9 SCC 304 has categorically held that the Authorities are liable to pay Solatium and interest contained in Section 23(1A) and (2) and interest under Section 28 of the lands acquired under National Highways Act, 1956 and struck down Section 3 of the said Act. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for solatium, additional market value and interest. In this regard, she made a representation to the respondents on 05.05.2025. As the same did not evoke any response, the petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking for the aforesaid relief.

4. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 as well as the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 3rd respondent would submit that the 3rd respondent will consider and pass orders on the representation of the petitioner, within the stipulated time fixed by this Court.



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5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader and learned Standing counsel appearing for the respondents and also perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and having regard to the submissions made, without going into the merits of the case, this Court directs the 3rd respondent to pass orders on the representation of the petitioner dated 05.05.2025, on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. With the aforesaid directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

No costs.

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