



RFA No.2207 of 1999 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 02.12.2025

SURJIT SINGH
Vs
THE STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Appellant

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Nitish Kaushal, Advocate
for the appellant/landowner.

Mr. Gunjan Mehta, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

[1]. By way of present appeal, challenge has been laid to the Award dated 27.05.1999 passed by the learned Addl. District Judge, Ropar (hereinafter to be referred as the 'Reference Court'), whereby Reference Petition filed under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short 'the 1894 Act') at the instance of the landowner was dismissed being time barred.

[2]. Briefly stating, in the present case, land measuring 5K-11M situated within the revenue estate of village Behrampur District Ropar, came to be acquired vide Notification dated 30.10.1979 issued under Section 4 of the 1894 Act for the public purpose namely for improvement and re-alignment of National Highway No.21, followed by an Award passed by the Land Acquisition Collector (for short 'the LAC') on 24.09.1980 thereby determining the market value of the acquired land @ Rs.14,420/- per acre for chahi land.

[3]. Dis-satisfied with the Award, the appellant-landowner invoked Reference under Section 18 of the 1894 Act, which came to be dismissed being



time barred by the learned Reference Court vide its award dated 27.05.1999. Aggrieved thereof, the present appeal was preferred at the instance of landowner.

[4]. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book as well as records of the case.

[5]. In the present case, the Award was passed under Section 11 of the 1894 by the LAC on 24.09.1980 and the payment of compensation was received by the appellant/landowners on the same date i.e. 24.09.1980. Furthermore, it has also come in evidence that the appellant/landowner was even present at the time of passing of the Award.

[6]. In such circumstances, no illegality or perversity can be found with the Award passed by the learned Reference Court, whereby the Reference Petition preferred at the instance of the appellant/landowner on 26.11.1996 was held to be barred by limitation, as such, the present appeal stands dismissed.

[7]. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

December 02, 2025
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No