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**104 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**RFA-2598-1999 (O&M)
Decided on:-28.11.2025**

Balwant Singh and anotherAppellants..

vs.

State of Punjab and othersRespondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Kuldip Sanwal, Advocate for the appellants.

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

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

1. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that the matter in issue is squarely covered by the decision rendered by this Court in a bunch of appeals with lead case bearing RFA-714-1998 (O&M), titled as “***Amrao and others vs. State of Punjab and others***”, decided on 30.10.2025, wherein the land forming part of three revenue estates of Villages Sarti Teeka Kamial, Sarti Tikka Kamyal and Naloh Khas were acquired vide notification dated 22.10.1991, issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, and for the same purpose i.e. for constructing Reservoir of Ranjit Sagar Dam Project; and the appeals preferred at the instance of landowners were disposed of, with no interference being called for in the award. Relevant paras of ***Amrao’s case*** (supra) is reproduced hereunder:-

“7. In view of the aforesaid, the present appeals are disposed of in terms of the judgment passed by a Coordinate

Bench of this Court in Usha Rani's (II) case (supra) with no interference being called for in the award dated 01.12.1997/05.12.1997 passed by the learned Reference Court

8. *Further, the State shall also comply with the directions laid down by the Apex Court in Haryana State Industrial Development Corporation Vs. Pran Sukh & others 2010 (11) SCC 175, to ensure that the landowners are not fleeced by the middleman, which read as under:*

"(a) The Land Acquisition Collector shall depute officers subordinate to him not below the rank of Naib Tahsildar, who shall get in touch with all the land owners and/or their legal representatives and inform them about their entitlement and right to receive enhanced compensation.

(b) The concerned officers shall also instruct the land owners and/or their legal representatives to open savings bank account in case they already do not have such account.

(c) The bank account numbers of the land owners should be given to the Land Acquisition Collector within three months.

(d) The Land Acquisition Collector shall deposit the cheques of compensation in the bank accounts of the landowners."

2. Accordingly, the present appeal is also disposed of in terms of the said decision.

3. Pending application, if any, stands disposed of.

28.11.2025

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/ No