

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

RFA-3450-1999 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.10.2025

Lakhmi Chand

...Appellant

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present: Mr. Gaurav Tyagi, Advocate for
Mr. S.S. Kharb, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Gaurav Garg, AAG, Haryana.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

1. The reference under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act was dismissed by Learned Additional District Judge, Panipat on 18.12.1998, after noticing that petitioner-Lakhmi Chand (appellant herein) was not appearing. Learned Additional District Judge proceeded to dismiss the reference after noticing that though petitioner had claimed himself as owner of the land by way of purchase but no sale deed was placed on record. Even the statement No.19 of the Land Acquisition Act reflected respondents No.3, 5, 6 and 7 to be owners of the land in dispute. It was noticed that petitioner had neither placed on record the sale deed nor the mutation to show him as the owner of land in question. Faced with these circumstances, the reference was dismissed.

2. Learned counsel submits that since the reference was also dismissed in the absence of the petitioner, therefore, matter is required to be remanded.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant is unable to inform as to whether the reference Court was moved for setting aside the order dated



18.12.1998, so as to hear him on merits and so as to provide him opportunity to lead the evidence.

4. However, since the only impugned order before this Court is 18.12.1998, whereby the petition was dismissed for want of evidence, so this Court has no reason to remand the matter or to consider on merits in the absence of any evidence. Not only above, counsel for the appellant also submits that appellant is not even in his contact, which also reflects that appellant is no longer interested in pursuing the appeal.

5. Disposed of.

27.10.2025

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No