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CM-18185-CWP-2025 in/and CWP-22138-2024

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

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CM No.18185-CWP of 2025 in/and
CWP No.22138 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 04.12.2025

NEELAM RANI

.....Petitioner

Vs

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Munish Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vibhor Bansal, Sr. Panel Counsel, UOI with
Mr. Ishank Bansal, Advocate for respondent No.1.

Mr. Anil Gupta, Advocate for
Mr. Ashish Verma, Advocate for respondent No.2.

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)**CM No.18185-CWP of 2025**

This is an application under Section 151 CPC for preponing the date of hearing of the main case which is fixed for 18.12.2025.

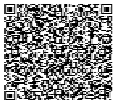
Notice of the application.

Learned State counsel as well learned counsel representing respondent Nos.2 & 3 accept notices and do not oppose the prayer made in the application.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and in view of prayer made in the application, the same is allowed. With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, date of hearing of the main case is preponed and the same is taken up today.

CWP No.22138 of 2024 (O&M)

[1]. By way of present petition, petitioner seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to release the entire balance compensation along with interest, as determined by respondent No.3 vide Awards dated 02.03.2023 and 12.04.2023.



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- [2]. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the Reference Petition (LAC/29/2024 titled '*DRA-cum-CALA Hoshiarpur Vs. Neelam Rani and ors.*') preferred under Section 3(H)(4) of the National Highway Act, 1956 (for the short 'the 1956 Act') has already been forwarded to the competent Court of Jurisdiction and the same is now pending consideration for 10.12.2025, the learned Reference Court may be directed to expedite the proceedings in the said Reference Petition.
- [3]. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book.
- [4]. Since the matter relates to the release of compensation and stands forwarded to the learned Reference Court under Section 3(H)(4) of the 1956 Act; having considered that the acquisition in the case in hand commenced vide Notification dated 10.01.2023 under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3A the 1956 Act and the respondent-authorities are in the process of taking over the possession of the acquired land in question, the learned Reference Court is requested to expedite the proceedings in the aforementioned LAC/29/2024 to conclude the same preferably within one year from today.
- [4]. It is made clear that in case, the CALA/respondent No.3 has not deposited the amount of compensation with the learned Reference Court, the same be deposited immediately within one month from today, thereafter the petitioner shall be at liberty to approach the learned Reference Court for deposit of the same in some nationalized Bank in the form of FDR.
- [5]. In view of above, the present writ petition is disposed of. Pending application(s), if any shall also stand disposed of.

December 04, 2025

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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