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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 8440/2025 & CM APPL. 36736/2025, CM APPL.
57920/2025, CM APPL. 57921/2025

ANIL ANAND

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul Chaudhary, Ms. Neena
Dhir, Advs.

versus

LAND ACQUISITION COLLECTOR & ANR.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Standing
Counsel with Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha,
Mrs.K K Kiran Pathak and Mr.
Divakar Kapil, Advs. for R-1

Ms. Deeksha L. Kakar, Ms. Sana
Parveen, Mr. Rashneet Singh, Advs.
For R-2/DDA
Mr. Atul Verma Adv for Hari Nagar
Ashram RWA

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

07.11.2025

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1. *Paragraph no. 11* of the counter affidavit submitted by respondent
no.1 reads as under:

*“11. That as regards possession and compensation it is
humbly submitted that as per records available in the
LAC office the possession of the land comprised in
Khasra No. 68/1 situated in village Kilokari could not be
taken. So far as compensation amount is concerned, it is
humbly submitted as per record no compensation has*



been paid to the petitioner.”

2. In view of the aforesaid background, we appreciate the prayer of the petitioner, wherein petitioner is seeking declaration that acquisition taken recourse to, pursuant to Award dated 19th September 1986, would lapse, must be allowed in view of the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***Indore Development Authority v Manohar Lal*** (2020) 8 SCC 129.
3. It is borne out from the record of the aforesaid facts that stand taken by responded no.1 in the affidavit, as reproduced herein above, that neither the possession is taken, nor compensation is paid to the petitioner. In such an eventuality, the acquisition must be declared to have been lapsed.
4. That being so, the writ petition stands allowed in terms of *prayer clause (a)* with the declaration that the acquisition to the extent of land mentioned in the prayer clause stood lapsed.
5. The petition stands disposed of in above terms.
6. Pending applications are rendered infructuous.
7. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE, J

ANISH DAYAL, J

NOVEMBER 7, 2025/sm/bp