Serial No. 51

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU

CCP(S) No. 201/2026 c/w
WP(C) No. 1528/2026

Dhyan Chand and Ors. …..Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Rajdeep Singh Thakur, Advocate with
Mr. Sandeep Singh Sohil, Advocate.

vs

Anil Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Jammu and Ors. ….. Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG.

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE

ORDER
16.11.2026

1. Though the respondents have not filed their response to WP(C) No. 1528/2026, they have filed their response to the contempt petition bearing CCP(S) No. 201/2026, whereby the petitioner has sought initiation of contempt proceedings against them on account of non-compliance with the order dated 01.06.2026.

2. Mr. Ravinder Gupta, learned AAG appearing on behalf of the respondents, has submitted that the present petition may be disposed of in light of the stand taken by the respondents in the statement of facts/compliance report filed in CCP(S) No. 201/2026. It is under these circumstances that this Court has taken up the present petition for final consideration and disposal.

3. In the petition, the petitioners have claimed that their land has been utilized by the respondents for the construction of a road from Chanderkote to Sawni via Maagdan/Dharla in Village Chanderkote, Tehsil and District Ramban. A final award dated 25.04.2023 was also passed by respondent

No. 4. It is contended that the names of the petitioners are also reflected in the statement of the award, but not even a single penny has been released in their favour till date. Accordingly, the petitioners have sought a direction to the respondents to release an amount of Rs. 1,40,72,163/- in their favour.

4. In the statement of facts filed by respondent Nos. 1, 5 and 6, it has been stated that the Executive Engineer, PWD, R&B Division, Ramban, submitted an indent for acquisition of the land vide communication dated 09.06.2008. Pursuant thereto, the Collector, Land Acquisition (ACR), Ramban, vide communication dated 18.06.2011, assessed the tentative compensation at Rs. 2,72,47,633/- for acquisition of 97 Kanals and 19 Marlas of land situated in Village Chanderkote. Against the tentative assessment, the respondent-Department claims to have deposited an amount of Rs. 2,50,16,357/- with the Collector towards payment of compensation to the eligible landowners, being 92% of the tentatively assessed amount. It is further the stand of the respondents that the Collector, Land Acquisition (ACR), Ramban, has passed the final award dated 25.04.2023, assessing compensation at Rs. 13,05,09,385/- for acquisition of the same land measuring 97 Kanals and 19 Marlas, despite the fact that an amount of Rs. 2,50,16,357/- had already been deposited by the Department. It has further been stated that the claim involving enhancement of compensation from Rs. 2,72,47,633/- to Rs. 13,05,09,385/- is presently under examination by the competent authorities.

5. It is contended that petitioner No. 1 has already received an amount of Rs. 9,65,200/- as against the tentatively assessed amount of Rs. 14,60,439/-. Petitioner No. 2, Shamshada Begum, has received Rs. 1,06,950/- as against

the tentatively assessed amount of Rs. 1,66,907/-. Petitioner No. 3, Mehnaz Akhter, has received Rs. 7,45,950/- against the tentatively assessed amount of Rs. 5,56,358/-, whereas petitioner No. 4, Shardaran Begum, has also received Rs. 9,68,375/- against the tentatively assessed amount of Rs. 8,76,264/-. It is also urged that, upon receipt of the order dated 01.06.2026 passed by this Court, respondent No. 6 referred the matter to the Deputy Commissioner/Collector, Ramban, with a request for joint verification of the acquired land. Thereafter, the matter was taken up for conducting the joint verification.

6. Respondent Nos. 2, 3 and 4, in their reply, have admitted the issuance of the final award in respect of land measuring 97 Kanals and 19 Marlas, situated in Village Chanderkote, assessing compensation at Rs. 13,05,09,385/-. The aforesaid respondents have admitted that, out of the awarded amount, the indenting Department had deposited an amount of Rs. 2,50,16,357/-. They have further stated that, for release of the balance amount of Rs. 10,54,93,028/-, they have already taken up the matter with the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Ramban, vide communications dated 28.05.2025 and 04.05.2026.

7. Upon perusal of the record, this Court finds that the indenting Department as well as the Collector have admitted the issuance of the final award dated 25.04.2023, whereby compensation amounting to Rs. 13,05,09,385/- has been assessed for acquisition of land measuring 97 Kanals and 19 Marlas situated at Village Chanderkote. The stand of the indenting Department is that the matter has been taken up with the Collector for joint verification/demarcation of the acquired land. The final award has already

been passed and has attained finality. Therefore, there can be no dispute with regard to the entitlement of the petitioners to receive compensation in terms of the award dated 25.04.2023. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos. 1, 5 and 6 to place the requisite amount at the disposal of respondent No. 4, in respect of the land belonging to the petitioners acquired by the respondents for construction of the road from Chanderkote to Sawni via Maagdan/Dharla, within a period of six weeks from today.

8. The writ petition is, accordingly, **disposed of**.

9. Needless to say, while disbursing the compensation, the respondents shall take note of the amounts already received by the petitioners, as mentioned hereinabove.

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10. The Chief Engineer, PWD, R&B Department, is present in person.

11. In view of the disposal of the main writ petition, the proceedings in the contempt petition are closed.

(RAJNESH OSWAL)
JUDGE

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