IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.16407 of 2024
Date of Decision: 06.10.2026

Tulsi Ram & Anr. **.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors. **.....Respondents**

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Sharma, Judge.
Whether approved for reporting? Yes.

For the Petitioners: Mr. Mohinder Verma, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. Vishal Panwar, Additional Advocates General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan & Mr. Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocates General, for the respondents-State.

Sandeep Sharma, J. *(Oral)*

In nutshell, grievance of the petitioners, as has been highlighted in the petition and further canvassed by Mr. Mohinder Verma, learned counsel for the petitioners, is that though land measuring 1.15 bighas came to be utilized for construction of road, namely, "Kuthera-Sarkaghat Road", but they have been paid compensation only for 17 biswas.

2. Careful perusal of the reply filed by the respondents clearly reveals that though land measuring 1.15 bighas was used for construction of the road detailed hereinabove, but inadvertently, while passing award, Land Acquisition Collector awarded compensation for 17 biswas of land only.

3. On the representation made by the petitioners, respondent-State verified the aforesaid fact and found that in actual, 1.15 bighas of land stands utilized for construction of the road in question, whereas petitioners have been paid compensation only for 17 biswas. Now, respondent-State has processed the case of the petitioners for payment of compensation for the remaining 18 biswas of land.

4. Mr. Rajan Kahol, learned Additional Advocate General, states that since respondent-State has already taken cognizance of the grievance of the petitioners, as has been highlighted in the petition, and is in the process of making payment for the remaining land after completion of necessary codal formalities, nothing remains to be adjudicated in the instant proceedings.

5. Mr. Mohinder Verma, learned counsel for the petitioners fairly states that grievance of the petitioners, as has been highlighted in the petition, is being redressed and as such, this Court may dispose of the present petition with a direction to the respondents to conclude the proceedings at the earliest.

6. Consequently, in view of the above, without going into the merits of the case, this Court deems it fit to dispose of the same with a direction to the respondents to ensure that necessary codal formalities with regard to payment of compensation for 18 biswas of land, which stands utilized for construction of the road, as detailed hereinabove,

are completed expeditiously, preferably within a period of two months, and thereafter, payment of compensation is made to the petitioners. Ordered accordingly.

7. In the aforesaid terms, present petition is disposed of along with pending applications, if any.

October 06, 2026 **(Sandeep Sharma),**
(sunil) **Judge**