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WP No. 1814 of 2024



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP Nos. 1814 & 1818 of 2024

B.Saraswathi
W/o. T.Balakrishnan,
No. 74, S.V. Koil Street, Periyakuppam,
Thiruvallur - 602 001.

Petitioner(s) in both cases

Vs

1. The Union Of India,
Rep. By Its Secretary To Government,
Ministry Of Road Transport And
Highway Transport Bhawan, 1,
Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001.

2.The District Collector,
Thiruvallur.

3.The Competent Authority And
Special District Revenue Officer,
National Highways(land Acquisition)
Thiruvallur.

4.The Project Director,
National Highways Authority Of India,
Regional Office, 5th Floor, Cmrl
Building, Poonamallee High Road,
Koyambedu, Chennai - 600 107.

Respondent(s) in both cases

PRAYER

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents herein to forthwith pay interest on the amount of Rs. 4,62,19,606/- at 9 percentage per annum from the date of award till the date of payment



directing the Respondents herein to acquire the lands of the petitioner of an extent of 185 Square Meters of land in Survey No. 13/1C1A, Nallur Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District and pay the suitable Compensation

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For Petitioner(s): Mrs.AL.Gandhimathi, Sr.counsel
for Mr.L.Palani Muthu

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Subbu Ranga Bharathi, CGC for R1
Mrs.S.Anitha, SGP for R2 & 3
Mr. Su. Srinivasan, St.Counsel For R4

COMMON ORDER

These writ petitions have been filed for payment of interest on the compensation remitted by the respondent for the delayed period.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that in this case, the respondents had acquired the subject lands of the petitioner to an extent of 1450 sq.mts., and paid compensation only for the extent of 1265 sq.mts. Further, the interest for the period from the date of acquisition till the date of deposit was not paid to the petitioner. In this regard, a representation dated 21.12.2023 was filed, however, the same was not at all considered by the respondents till date. Hence, this petition.

3. In reply, the learned counsel for the respondents would submit that the



petitioner's representation was filed only for the payment of compensation for remaining 185 sq.mts, however, no request was made for interest for the period between acquisition of land and deposit of compensation. Hence, he requests this Court to pass appropriate orders.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the respondents and also perused the entire materials available on record.

5. In the case on hand, the respondents had acquired the subject land to an extent of 1450 sq.mts, however, paid compensation for only an extent of 1265 sq.mts. Hence, a representation was made by the petitioner, requesting the respondent to remit the compensation for remaining 185 sq.ft., of acquired land. However, as rightly contended by the respondent, the petitioner's representation was filed only for the payment of compensation, however, no request was made with regard to the entitlement of interest for the period from the date of acquisition of land till the date of deposit of compensation amount.

6. In view of the above, this Court directs the petitioner to file a fresh representation before the respondents, explaining on the aspect of his entitlement for interest on the compensation amount for the period between the acquisition of land and deposit of compensation. In such case, the respondents shall consider and dispose of the same, on merits and in accordance with law,



within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of the representation.

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7. With the above direction, these writ petitions are disposed of. No cost.

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