



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B. BALAJI

**AS No. 273 of 2026
and C.M.P.No.4955 of 2026**

The Special Tahsildar, (LA) Unit II,
Arasu Cements Factory,
Ariyalur.

..Appellant

Vs

Manikkam (died)

1. Rajendran
S/o. (Late) Manikkam

2. Managing Director,
Arasu Cements Corporation,
Anna Salai, Chennai.

3. Deputy General Manager,
Arasu Cements Factory,
Ariyalur.

..Respondents

Prayer: Appeal Suit filed under Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, to set aside the decree passed in LAOP No.107 of 2000, dated 26.04.2022 on the file of the Principal Sub Court, Ariyalur.

For Appellant : Mr.M.Murali
Government Advocate
For Respondent : Mr.R.Gokulakrishnan [R1]
Mr.A.Sivaji [R2 & R3]



JUDGMENT

Challenging the enhancement of compensation from Rs.1200/- to Rs.1500/- per cent, the present appeal suit has been filed.

2. Heard Mr.M.Murali, learned Government Advocate appearing for the appellant, Mr.R.Gokulakrishnan, learned counsel for 1st respondent and Mr.A.Sivaji, learned counsel for respondents 2 and 3.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the appellant would state that originally, the compensation of Rs.250/- per cent was awarded by the Land Acquisition Officer. However, on reference, the Reference Court enhanced the compensation to Rs.1200/- per cent. As against the same, appeals were preferred before this Court and the same were allowed and the compensation was reduced to Rs.900/- per cent. In the meantime, the order fixing the compensation at Rs.900/- has been set aside and therefore, pending the appeal proceedings, the Board has passed the resolution and uniformly fixed a sum of Rs.1500/- per cent, as the compensation, to all the land owners. ‘

4. Mr.M.Murali, learned Government Advocate appearing for the appellant would also bring to my notice that in the connected appeals in A.S.Nos.432 of 2020 and etc., batch dated 02.02.2026 as well as in A.S.Nos.238



of 2020 and etc., batch dated 05.09.2025, the Board has come forward to pay a compensation of Rs.1500/- per cent with statutory benefits to all affected land owners under the scheme has been taken note of and the appeals have been disposed of.

5. Mr.R.Gokulakrishnan, learned counsel for 1st respondent would fairly submit that he has no objection for the appeals being disposed of on the same lines in which the earlier appeals have been disposed of fixing the compensation at Rs.1500/- per cent.

6. In the light of the above, the appeal suit is disposed of fixing the compensation amount for the acquired lands at Rs.1500/-per cent with no deduction towards development charges. The award passed by the Reference Court is modified by enhancing the amount from Rs.1200/- to Rs.1500/- per cent. It is needless to state that the statutory benefits under Section 23(1-A), 23(2) and 28 of the Land Acquisition Act are to be calculated on the enhanced amount. Mr.M.Murali, learned Government Advocate brings to my notice that compensation amount has already been deposited and therefore, there is no requirement to give any direction for deposit of any further amount.



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The land owners/respondents are permitted to withdraw the same by taking out a formal application. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Principal Sub Court,
Ariyalur.

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