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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

Civil Revision No. 2614 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.03.2026

Nachhattar Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Ram Singh and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Sparsh Chhibber, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner-landowner, by way of present revision petition filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India, seeks issuance of directions to the learned Additional District Judge, Sangrur for deciding the Land Reference Case No. LAC/86/2022 (Reference under Section 64 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894) in a time-bound manner as the matter has remained pending since its entrustment from SDM-cum-LAC, Bhawanigarh i.e. 28.08.2022.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is one of the recorded landowners/interested persons in the acquisition proceedings relating to land comprised in Khewat No. 413, Khatauni Nos. 709 to 712, situated at Village Jhaneri, Tehsil Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur, acquired for the construction of Jammu-Katra-Delhi Express Highway. The reference/Land Acquisition Case No. 86 of 2022 is pending since 22.08.2022 before the learned Reference Court. He further submits

that the petitioner is a senior citizen (aged about 91 years old) and owing to his advanced age and frail health, prays for issuance of directions to the Court concerned to decide the matter expeditiously.

[3] I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and considered the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner.

[4] Considering the fact that the reference petition-**LAC No. 86 of 2022**, titled “**Ram Singh Versus SDM, Bhawanigarh**”, filed at the instance of landowner(s), is pending for the last about three years and seven months, especially when the petitioner is a senior citizen aged about 91 years, this Court, without commenting on the merits of the controversy and keeping in view the limited prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, purely in the interest of justice, requests the learned Reference Court to decide the aforesaid reference/LAC on priority basis as per law, preferably within a period of six months from the next date fixed, i.e. 20.04.2026.

[5] **Disposed of** accordingly.

[6] Keeping in view the nature of proceedings, the present petition is being decided without issuing notice to the respondents, lest it may delay the proceedings before the learned Reference Court and may also burden them with unnecessary costs towards litigation expenses.

March 20, 2026
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No