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**106 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**RFA-1535-1997 (O&M)
Decided on:-23.01.2026**

Roshan Lal

...Appellant.

VS.

The State of Punjab

...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Deepak Saini, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Mr. Gunjan Mehta, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

1. By way of present appeal, challenge has been laid to an award dated 05.03.1997 passed by the learned Additional District Judge, Roopnagar (for short, "**Reference Court**"), whereby, reference petition preferred at the instance of appellant-landowner invoking Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for brevity, "**1894 Act**"), was partly accepted.

2. Brief facts of the case are that some land owned by the appellant-landowner, situated in the revenue estate of Village Siasatpur, Hadbast No.361, Tehsil and District Ropar was acquired vide notification dated 14.3.1988 and 28.3.1988, under Sections 4 and 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, "**1894 Act**"), for the public purpose, namely, construction of SYL canal Distributor (Upper Branch Canal). The

total land under acquisition was 17.94 acres. The Land Acquisition Collector passed the award on 12.05.1989.

3. Aggrieved of the same, the appellant-landowner invoked separate reference petition(s) under Section 18 of the 1894 Act, seeking enhancement of compensation. Upon consideration of the material available on record, the Reference Court vide its Award dated 05.03.1997, granted the benefit of enhanced compensation at the rate of Rs.75,000/- per acre for *Barani* land, Rs.65000/- per acre for *Banjar* land and Rs.60,000/- for *Gair Mumin* land along with all other statutory benefits.

4. Feeling dissatisfied with the aforesaid Award passed by the Id. Reference Court, the appellant-landowner preferred the present appeal.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book.

6. A perusal of the record reveals that the award passed by the learned Reference Court in respect of the acquired land was determined on the basis of the award dated 28.11.1992 (Ex. P-1), which pertained to a nearby village.

7. Further, in identical matter, wherein the learned Reference Court awarded the same market value by relying upon the same very award dated 23/28.11.1992 passed by the District Judge, Ropar, relating to the land of village Jabarhera, this Court dismissed the appeal filed by the landowners seeking enhancement of compensation, vide order dated 13.02.2009 passed in RFA-1920-1994, titled "***Amin Chand and others v. State of Punjab and another***".

8. Moreover, no material has been pointed out to show that there is any misreading or ignorance of the relevant evidence available on record.

9. In view of the discussion made herein above, there being no misreading or mis-interpretation of evidence available on record by the learned Reference Court, no interference is called for. Resultantly, the appeal being devoid of any merits is hereby dismissed.
10. Pending application(s), if any shall also stand disposed of.

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/ No