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

RFA-1423-1996 (O&M)

Decided on:-12.02.2026

Raj Kumar and others

....Appellants.

vs.

The State of Haryana

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the appellants.

Mr. Jagdish Manchanda, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

1. By way of present appeal, challenge has been laid to an award dated 29.01.1996 passed by the Court of learned Additional District Judge, Jagadhri (for short, "Reference Court"), whereby reference petition filed at the instance of appellants-landowners invoking Sections 18 and 30 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (hereinafter referred to as "1894 Act"), was partly allowed.

2. Briefly stating, some land owned by the appellants-landowners, situated in the revenue estate of village Chhachhrauli, District Yamuna Nagar, came to be acquired vide notifications dated 21.01.1981 and 14.08.1981, issued under Sections 4 & 6 of the 1894 Act, respectively, for the public purpose, namely, "*setting up New grain market, vegetable market, rest house, gadda shed, staff quarters and office building at*

Chhachhrauli”, followed by an award dated 09.05.1986 passed by the Land Acquisition Collector, whereby the market value was assessed @ Rs.43,000/- per acre.

3. Aggrieved of the award passed by the Land Acquisition Collector, appellants-landowners invoked reference petition under Section 18 & 30 of the 1894 Act, seeking enhancement of compensation. Upon consideration of the material available on record, the Reference Court vide its award dated 29.01.1996, re-assessed the market value @ Rs.70,000/- per acre. Hence, the present appeal.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the appellant and gone through the paper book.

5. Perusal of the record shows that similar appeals filed at the instance of landowners, challenging similar award passed by the Reference Court pertaining to same acquisition proceeding stood dismissed by this Court vide its judgment dated 26.04.2013 passed in a bunch of appeals with lead case bearing RFA-237 of 1992, titled as ***“Jagmohan Lal and others vs. State of Haryana thr. Land Acquisition Collector, Panchkula”***, thereby resulting into finality of the assessment of compensation made by the Reference Court in its award dated 29.01.1996.

6. Accordingly, in view of the discussion made herein-above, the present appeal being devoid of merits, is dismissed.

7. Pending application, if any, stands disposed of.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/ No