



RFA No.859 of 2025 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 18.03.2026

NIRMAL SINGH AND ANR.

....Appellant(s)

Vs

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANR.

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA*

Present: Mr. Shoaib Khan, Advocate
for the appellants (through Whatsapp video call).

Mr. Abhinash Jain, D.A.G., Haryana.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

CM No.1813-CI of 2025

Prayer made in the application is for impleading the applicant(s) as legal representative(s) of appellant No.2, who died on 18.10.2010.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed, subject to all just exceptions and the applicant(s) as mentioned in paragraph No.3 of the application is ordered to be impleaded as legal representative(s) of appellant No.2-Gurdev Singh (deceased) in order to pursue the present case

CM Nos.1811-CI & 1812-CI of 2025

Prayer in this applications is for condonation of delay of 20 days in refilling and 217 days in filing the present appeal.

Notice of the applications.

Mr. Abhinash Jain, D.A.G., Haryana accept notice on behalf of the respondents/State and do not oppose the prayer made in the application.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties, for the reasons mentioned in the applications, which makes out sufficient cause, the same are

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allowed. Accordingly, delay of 20 days in re-filing and 217 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

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[1]. By way of present appeal, challenge has been laid to the Award dated 24.07.2024 passed by the learned Addl. District Judge, Panchkula, (hereinafter to be referred as the 'Reference Court'), whereby Reference Petition filed under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short 'the 1894 Act') at the instance of the appellants/landowners was partly allowed while granting them benefit of enhanced compensation @ Rs.1675/- per square yard besides awarding all other statutory benefits/interest as provided under the 1894 Act.

[2]. Learned counsel for the parties are ad *idem* that the present case is covered by decision dated 15.05.2025 passed in **RFA No.1075 of 2024** titled as **"Hardev Singh and Others Vs. State of Haryana and Another"** arising out of the same acquisition, wherein the impugned judgment dated 24.07.2024 passed by the learned Reference Court was set aside and a direction was issued to decide the matter afresh. Relevant para nos.3.1 and 3.2 from the aforementioned judgment are extracted hereunder:-

"3.1. Consequently, the impugned judgment passed by the RC on 24.07.2024 is set aside while directing the RC to decide the matter afresh. The appeals filed by the landowners are disposed of and the appeals filed by the Municipal Corporation, Panchkula as well as Civil Revision No.5761 of 2024 are dismissed.

3.2. In view of the foregoing discussion, the first question is answered against the Municipal Corporation, Panchkula, because the application for impleadment as a party/respondent in the proceedings under Section 18 of the 1894 Act was not maintainable as the RC is a Court of limited jurisdiction."

[3]. In view of the stand taken by both the sides the present appeal is disposed of in terms of the decision rendered in **"Hardev Singh and Others"** case. The matter is remitted back to the learned Reference Court to decide the same



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afresh. The parties, through their counsel are directed to appear before the learned Reference Court on 10.04.2026.

[4]. Pending application(s), if any shall also stand disposed of.

March 18, 2026

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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