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

**RFA No. 5914 of 2014 (O&M)
and “12” connected cases
Date of Decision: 08.05.2026**

Krishan Lal and others

...Appellants

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. P.K. Ganga, Advocate
for the appellant(s)-landowner(s).

Mr. Abhinash Jain, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent(s)-State of Haryana.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

This order shall decide the present thirteen (13) appeals bearing RFA Nos. **5914 (lead case)**, 5915, 5916, 5917, 5918, 5919, 5920, 5921, 6205, 6206, 7702, 8985 & 9685 of **2014**, as the same arise out of common acquisition/award.

[2] The appellant(s)-landowner(s), by instituting the present appeal(s), preferred under Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (**for short “1894 Act”**), seek modification of the award dated 08.01.2014 passed by the learned Additional District Judge, Sirsa (**hereinafter to be referred as “Reference Court”**) for enhancement of compensation amount.

[3] Briefly, the facts are that in pursuance of Haryana Govt. Notification under Section 4 of the 1894 Act issued on 28.02.2011, followed by Notification dated 09.09.2011 under Section 6 thereof,

certain land of the appellant(s)-landowner(s), situated within the revenue estate of Village Mallekan, Tehsil and District Sirsa, was acquired for the public purpose, namely, “*for construction of New Kasaba Minor*”. The Land Acquisition Collector (**for short “LAC**), vide Award No. 1 dated 11.04.2012, assessed the market value of the acquired land @ Rs. 12 lakh per acre besides grant of other statutory benefits.

[4] Aggrieved of the assessment made by the LAC, the interested persons / respondent(s)-landowner(s) preferred reference petition(s) under Section 18 of the 1894 Act, which came to be dismissed vide decision dated 08.01.2014 passed by the learned Reference Court. Being dissatisfied, the appellant(s)-landowner(s) have preferred the present appeals.

[5] After hearing learned counsel for the parties and having gone through the paper-book / records, I am unable to find substance in the submission(s) made on behalf of the appellant(s)-landowner(s).

[6] Upon perusal of record, it has been found that the appellant(s)-landowner(s) failed to prove that the market value of their land acquired by the Government was higher than the rate awarded to them by the LAC. Besides it, no evidence was ever led by the appellants-landowners to substantiate the claim that their land had been bifurcated; therefore, in the considered opinion of this Court, the learned Reference Court rightly observed that the appellants were not entitled to any enhanced compensation.

[7] Consequently, no case for interference in the impugned award is made out, the present appeals being devoid of merits, are hereby **dismissed**.

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