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

**Sr. No.127****CWP-30365-2025****Date of decision: 27.01.2026**

Rulda Ram and others

....Petitioners

Versus

The State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL  
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present: Mr. Amit Chaudhary, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

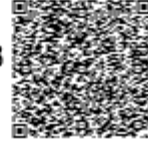
Mr. Saurabh Mago, DAG, Haryana.

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**DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)**

1. Through this petition, the petitioners, who are five in number, seek de-notification of their acquired land situated in Khasra No.16//13, Village Ratgal, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra primarily on the ground that such land is unviable to be used for any public purpose, especially the one for which it had been acquired in the year 1988.

2. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and examining the record, we find that petitioner No.1 and the father/grand-father of petitioners No.2 to 5 had earlier knocked the doors of this Court through CWP-6729-2013 – Niranjana Singh and another vs. State of Haryana and others, seeking therein quashing of the notifications issued by the State under Sections 4 and 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 through which the land of the petitioners, which is also the subject matter of the instant petition, had been acquired. The said petition, alongwith two other similar

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petitions being CWP-16346-2013 – Balbir Kumar and others vs. State of Haryana and others and CWP-10452-2014 – Anita Kumari Sharma vs. State of Haryana and others, through judgment dated 09.04.2021 were allowed by a Division Bench of this Court. The relevant portions of the judgment dated 09.04.2021 are reproduced below for ready reference:-

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*Petitioners in this petition also have challenged the same acquisition and prayed for the release of their acquired land. Besides this, the petitioners have prayed for quashing the order dated 15.6.2012 (Annexure P-17). They have mentioned that they filed CWP-13376-2006 along with certain other land owners. Here also the petitioners gave details of about 31 land owners, whose land stood released from acquisition. The petitioners have mentioned that their land comprised in Khasra No.16/3 in village Ratgal and vide order dated 12.11.2007 the petition filed by the petitioners i.e. CWP-15222-2006 was disposed of in view of order dated 21.9.2007. This Court disposed of the petition by granting liberty to the petitioners to make representation to the authorities concerned. Petitioners have mentioned that inadvertently the Khasra number was mentioned in writ petition as 16//3 instead of Khasra No.16//13 and hence the civil miscellaneous application was filed seeking correction of the Khasra number as 16//13 instead of Khasra No.16//3. This application being CM No.11969 of 2009 in CWP No.13376 of 2006 was disposed of vide order dated 7.8.2009 by observing that it is open for the applicant-petitioners to make a representation to the Govt. by mentioning the correct Khasra number with*



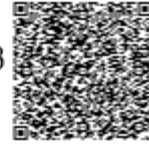
*the prayer that the same be considered in accordance with law. This order has been annexed with the petition as Annexure P-4. Besides this, rest of the contentions are similar to the earlier petition.*

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*By the able assistance of the counsel for the parties, it stands established that the major chunk of the land belonging to the similarly situated land owners already stood released and thus we find ourselves totally in agreement with the arguments advanced by counsel for the petitioners that their case is not different from those land owners whose land already stood released. We are also agreed with their contention that the purpose for which the land was acquired is already vitiated as the proposed plan for which the land was acquired cannot be fulfilled by retaining the land of the petitioners. Hence, denying to the prayer of the petitioners in not releasing their land would be a travesty of justice. Thus, the petitioners have succeeded in establishing that the action of the State in declining their prayer for release of their respective acquired land is violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and thus, liable to be set aside. Hence all the aforementioned three petitions are allowed accordingly.*

*Petitions allowed.”*

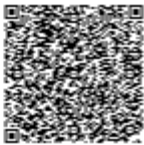
3. The judgment of the Division Bench of this Court dated 09.04.2021 was challenged by the State of Haryana before the Supreme

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Court. The State's SLP, after being converted into a civil appeal being Civil Appeal Nos.1347-1349-2023 – State of Haryana and others vs. Niranjana Singh and others etc., was allowed by the Supreme Court on 24.02.2023 and the relevant portion of the judgment of the Supreme Court reads as follows:-

*“5.5 Similarly, so far as the Civil Appeal arising out of CWP No.6729/2013 is concerned, the representation of the original writ petitioners to release the land from acquisition is rejected on the ground that the land is required for widening of the road. Having gone through the map, we are of the opinion that when the land in question is required by the State for widening of the road and when the entire acquisition proceedings have been concluded including declaration of the award, passing of the award and the payment of the compensation, the acquisition with respect to the said land which is required for widening of the road ought not to have been quashed and/or the same land was not required to be released. The State was absolutely justified in not releasing the said land which as such is required for the widening of the road. Under the circumstances, the impugned judgment and order passed by the High Court in CWP No.6729-2013 deserves to be quashed and set aside.”*

4. In the light of the above, the issue raised through the present petition for release of the petitioners' acquired land because the same has become unviable to be utilized for the public purpose for which it was acquired was considered and rejected by the Supreme Court. Therefore, we unhesitatingly find that this petition is a frivolous attempt to reopen an issue authoritatively settled by the Supreme Court *inter se* the parties. Resultantly,



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we dismiss this petition with costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners with the High Court Lawyers Welfare Fund, Saving Bank Account No.65018692589, IFSC Code: SBIN0050306, State Bank of India, High Court Branch, Chandigarh.

**(DEEPAK SIBAL)  
JUDGE**

**(LAPITA BANERJI)  
JUDGE**

**January 27, 2026**  
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| <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| <i>Whether reportable</i>        | <i>Yes/No</i> |