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CWP No.30531 of 2025 (O&M)

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

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Date of Decision:11.05.2026

SK BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS AND ANOTHERPetitioners**Vs****UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS****....Respondents****CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA***

Present: Mr. Vikram Rathore, Advocate
Mr. Chander Kant Rana, Advocate
Mr. Sumit Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rishi Kaushal, Advocate and
Ms. Komal Bishnoi, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

Mr. Puru Jarewal, D.A.G., Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

[1]. In the present writ petition, the short dispute is with respect to the disbursal of amount of compensation as regards structure existing over the acquired land owned by the petitioners. The award with respect to the structure was passed by the CALA on 07.08.2023, however till date the amount has not been released.

[2]. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the records of the case, the present petition is disposed of. Respondent No.3 is directed to make the calculation in terms of award dated 07.08.2023 and forward the same to respondent No.2 within one week from today. Upon receipt, respondent No.2 shall deposit the amount with CALA within two weeks thereafter. Upon deposit by



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respondent No.2, respondent No.3 shall release the said compensation amount to the petitioners/landowners within one week thereafter.

[3]. Although it may be noticed here that an objection has been raised on behalf of respondent No.2 that the award dated 07.08.2023 is under challenge before the learned Arbitrator in terms of Section 3-G(5) of the National Highways Act, 1856, however mere challenge to the award passed by the CALA by the NHAI in the absence of there being any interim order passed by the learned Arbitrator in favour of NHAI, the same cannot be taken to as a restraint towards release of compensation amount to the petitioners/landowners.

[4]. In such circumstances, the respondents shall abide by the aforesaid schedule fixed with respect to the release of payment of compensation to the petitioners/landowners in terms of supplementary award dated 07.08.2023.

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

May 11, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No

(HARKESH MANUJA)

JUDGE