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RFA No.758 of 2025 (O&M)

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

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Date of Decision: 12.09.2025

GURDEEP SINGH THROUGH LR AND ORS.....Appellants

Vs

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS**...Respondent(s).****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA**

Present: Mr. Daljeet Singh Virk, Advocate and
Mr. C.S. Jattana, Advocate
for the appellants.

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

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)**CM No.1609-CI of 2025**

By way of present application, prayer has been made for condoning the delay of 1862 days in filing the review application.

Learned State counsel has failed to file reply to the application despite been afforded sufficient opportunity.

Concededly, the other similarly situated landowners pertaining to the same acquisition proceedings have already been held entitled for the enhanced amount of compensation pertaining to the land situated in revenue estate of village New Dabwali, Tehsil Dabwali, District Sirsa to the tune of Rs.2,87,12,333/- to the landowners upto the depth of 2 acres from Sirsa-Dabwali Road and Rs.40,00,000/- qua the land beyond the depth of 2 acres from Sirsa-Dabwali Road. Based thereupon and applying the principle of parity, besides grant of just and fair

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compensation, the landowner/applicants being similarly situated are entitled for grant of similar amount of compensation, however, without any payment of interest for the period of delay in filing the present review application. In this regard reliance can be placed upon the decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of **“Ningappa Thotappa Angadi (Dead) through LRs Versus Special Land Acquisition Officer and Another”, 2020 (19) SCC 599.**

In view of the discussion made hereinabove as well as contents of the application, the same is allowed and delay of 1862 days in filing the review application is hereby condoned.

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[1]. By way of present appeal, challenge has been laid to the Award dated 16.03.2018 passed by the learned Addl. District Judge, Sirsa (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 landowners was partly allowed while granting them the benefit of enhanced market value at uniform rate of Rs.1393/- per sq. yards i.e. Rs.67,42,120/- per acre qua the acquired land besides awarding other statutory benefits/interest in their favour under the 1894 Act.

[2]. Learned counsel for the parties are ad *idem* that the matter with respect to the determination of market value stands finally adjudicated upon by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide its decision dated 07.04.2025 passed in **RFA No.3216 of 2018** titled as **“Paras Ram vs. State of Haryana and others.”** whereby the similarly situated landowners pertaining to the same acquisition proceedings

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have been held entitled for the enhanced amount of compensation in the following manner:-

“6.1 Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and discussion, all the appeals are disposed of and the market value of the acquired land is assessed as under:-

S. No.	Particulars of the land	Amount assessed per acre (In ₹)
1.	<i>Landowners upto the depth of 2 acres from Sirsa-Dabwali Road</i>	2,87,12,333/-
2.	<i>Land beyond the depth of 2 acres from Sirsa-Dabwali Road</i>	40,00,000/-

[3]. In view of the above as well as on account of agreed stand taken by both the sides on facts, the present appeal is allowed in terms of the aforementioned decision i.e. **Paras Ram**' case (supra) and the appellants/landowners are held entitled for similar amount of market value as has been awarded to other similarly situated landowners; along with all statutory benefits and interest available under the amended provisions of the 1894 Act as applicable to the present acquisition. However, the appellants shall not be entitled to interest on the enhanced compensation for the period of delay in filing the appeal i.e. 1862 days.

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

September 12, 2025

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**(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No