

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP No. 1198 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.05.2016

Balvir Singh Joria and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

Barjinder Singh and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL.

Present: Mr. Satbir Rathore, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rishi Kaushal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

RAJESH BINDAL, J.

The grievance of the petitioners is that the order passed by this Court on 30.10.2014 regarding payment of interest and solatium on account of acquisition of land under the National Highways Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') has not been complied with. This Court directed for payment of interest and solatium to the petitioners on account of acquisition of land under the Act in terms of the earlier judgment of this Court in M/s Golden Iron and Steel Forgings Vs. Union of India and others, 2011(4) RCR (Civil)375. It is not in dispute that judgment of this Court in M/s Golden Iron's case (supra) is under challenge before Hon'ble the Supreme Court and the matter is still pending.

Learned counsel for the National Highways Authority of India stated that in CWP No. 20553 of 2013 Sukhdev Singh and others Versus Union of India and others, the order earlier passed by this Court was

modified on the application filed by the National Highway Authority of India, directing it to deposit the amount of interest and solatium in a bank in fixed deposit.

Considering the aforesaid development, the present petition can be disposed of at this stage with direction to the National Highways Authority of India, to deposit the amount of interest and solatium in fixed deposit in a bank to be disbursed to the landowners in case they are finally found entitled to in terms of final judgment of Hon'ble the Supreme Court. The amount shall be deposited in bank separately for each of the land owners.

Ordered accordingly.

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JUDGE