



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

**RFA No. 2594 of 2004 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.09.2025**

Dharampal (deceased) through LRs

...Appellants

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Anil Dutt, Advocate
for the appellants–landowners.

Mr. Abhinash Jain, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondents.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

Present appeal has been preferred under Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (**for short “1894 Act”**), to modify the award dated 13.09.2004 passed by learned Additional District Judge, Sonapat (**hereinafter to be referred as “Reference Court”**) seeking enhancement of compensation amount.

[2] Briefly, the facts are that in pursuance of Haryana Govt. Notification dated 16.07.1996 issued under Section 4 of 1894 Act, followed by Notification dated 19.08.1997 issued under Section 6 thereof, certain land owned by the appellants situated in revenue estate of Village **Kabirpur, Tehsil & District Sonapat**, for public purpose, i.e. construction of Bye Pass from Sonapat-Rathdhana Road to Meerut-Sonapat Road in District Sonapat, was acquired. The Land Acquisition Collector (**for short “LAC”**) vide Award dated 04.08.1999, assessed the market value of the acquired land @ Rs. 3 Lakh per acre for Nahri and Chahi land.

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[3] Dissatisfied with the aforesaid Award, landowners / interested persons, including the appellants, filed objections under Section 18 of 1894 Act, which were decided vide award dated 13.09.2004 by the learned Reference Court, whereby the market value of the acquired land was enhanced at the rate of Rs. 120/- per square yard alongwith statutory benefits. Still dissatisfied, the appellants preferred the present appeal.

[4] Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that the present controversy is squarely covered with the judgment dated 09.02.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Civil Appeal No. 4759 of 2011**, titled "**Jeet Singh and others Versus State of Haryana and another**" alongwith other connected cases, whereby the similarly situated landowners pertaining to the same acquisition proceedings related to the land situated in the revenue estate of Village Kabirpur, Tehsil & District Sonapat, have been held entitled for the enhanced amount of compensation @ Rs.250/- per square yard for the acquired land alongwith other benefits.

[5] Undisputedly, the land of appellants is falling within the revenue estate of Village Kabirpur, acquired vide Notification dated 16.07.1996 issued under Section 4 of 1894 Act and situated in the same vicinity as the land which was subject matter of consideration in **Jeet Singh's case (supra)**; consequently, present appeal is **disposed off** in terms of **Jeet Singh's case (supra)**.

[6] Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed off.

September 30, 2025

**(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE**

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Whether Speaking / Reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No