



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13410 of 2016

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1. Ram Narayan Mahto Son of Late Yogeshwar Mahto resident of village - Bhuthi, P.S. - Sonbarsa, District - Sitamarhi.
 2. Satya Narayan Panjiyar Son of Late Bilas Panjiyar resident of village - Bhuthi, P.S. - Sonbarsa, District - Sitamarhi.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue and Land Reform, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Project Director, National Highway Authority of India.
3. The Collector, Sitamarhi.
4. The Additional Collector, Sitamarhi.
5. The Deputy Collector, Land Reforms, Sitamarhi.
6. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Sitamarhi.
7. The District Sub-Registrar, Sitamarhi.
8. The Circle Officer, Sonbarsa, Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Raghwanand, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Manoj Kumar Sinha AC to Ex. GA-9

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KHATIM REZA
ORAL ORDER

6 07-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The present writ petition has been preferred for the following relief/s:-

“(i) To direct the respondent authorities for making payment of the compensation to the petitioners against their lands acquired by the Central Government, which fall within the stretch of N.H.-77 (Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi Sonbarsa) in terms of Resolution contained in Memo No. 747





dated 13.05.2008 i.e. Bihar Land Acquisition Re-establishment and Rehabilitation Policy, 2007.

(ii) To direct the respondents to make payment of compensation amount to the petitioners at the rate of 80,000/- per decimal against their acquired land for the purpose of N.H.77 in the State of Bihar.”

3. The present matter relates to the development of National Highway 77 (Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa) stretch and the petitioners are aggrieved by the quantum of compensation awarded in respect thereof.

4. At the outset, learned counsel for the State submits that the petitioners have an efficacious alternative remedy under Section 3G(5) of the National Highways Act, 1956 before the Arbitrator.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid, learned counsel for the petitioners prays for and is granted liberty to approach the Arbitrator-cum-Divisional Commissioner, Tirhut Division, Muzaffarpur or any other competent authority. The petitioners may file an appropriate application within four weeks from today.

6. If such an application is filed, the same shall be considered and disposed of in accordance with law within a period of six months from the date of receipt/production of a





copy of this order.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of
with the aforesaid observations.

(Khatim Reza, J)

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