



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 110 of 2022

NANDRAM CHOUDHARY & ORS. versus UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Order on Board

10/02/2025	Heard Shri Shubhank Tiwari, Adv. for the petitioners, Shri Tushar Dhar Diwan, Adv. for the UOI, Shri Dhiraj Whankhade, Adv. for the respondents No.2 & 3 and Ms Upasana Mehta, Govt. Adv. for the State. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that though the award has been passed on 16-6-2015, but the compensation amount has not been paid to the petitioners till date in spite of the fact that they approached the authorities on 'n' number of occasions,. Learned counsel appearing for the State by filing reply would submit that the petitioners were asked to appear and collect the compensation amount without any deduction of tax to which the petitioners have responded that as the matter is pending for adjudication in the instant petition they declined to collect the compensation amount. While rebutting the aforesaid submission and by referring the order dated 18-9-2024, wherein it has been observed by this

Gowri	Court that “<i>the petitioners may appear in the office of respondent No.5, collect the amount of compensation as calculated in the award passed by the Land Acquisition Officer. However, the grievance as raised with respect to payment of interest on the amount of compensation will be considered on the next date of hearing</i>”, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that though the petitioners approached the authorities, but they have not released the amount of compensation. He would further submit that as the award is of the year 2015 and now the authorities are releasing the amount of compensation, the petitioners are entitled for interest. Having considered the entire facts situation of the case, learned counsel appearing for the State is directed to file the affidavit of the concerned Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) before the next date of hearing stating the reason as to why the amount of compensation, which has been awarded in the year 2015, has not been released in favour of the petitioners till date and whether the petitioners are entitled for any interest or not on the awarded amount of compensation. As prayed, post it on <u>10th March, 2025</u>. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge
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