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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPC No. 1733 of 2026**

1 - Ramkumar S/o Devnath Aged About 47 Years (Serial No. 68 Of Compensation Chart) R/o- Village- Nawapara, Tehsil- Dabhara, District-Sakti, Chhattisgarh

2 - Rajkumar S/o Devnath Aged About 37 Years (Serial No. 68 Of Compensation Chart) R/o- Village- Nawapara, Tehsil- Dabhara, District-Sakti, Chhattisgarh.

... Petitioner(s)**versus**

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary Revenue And Disaster Management, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, District-Raipur (C.G.)

2 - Collector Sakti, District-Sakti (C.G.)

3 - Land Acquisition Officer -Cum-Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Dabhara, District-Sakti (C.G.)

4 - Executive Engineer, Water Resources Survey And Barrage Construction Division No.1, Kharsiya, District-Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

... Respondent(s)**(Cause Title is taken from CIS System)**

For Petitioner : Mr. Pranjal Agrawal, Advocate

For State : Mr. S. S. Choubey, Government Advocate



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

06/05/2026

1. The petitioners have preferred this writ petition seeking following relief(s):-

“10.1 That this Hon'ble court may kindly be pleased to direct the respondents for deciding the representation (Annexure P-1) under Section 73 of Act, 2013 within time frame.

10.2 Any other relief, which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper, may also be passed in favour of the petitioner.”

2. Facts of the case, as projected, are that the petitioners are joint owners of land bearing Khasra Nos. 322/2, 372/4, 403/4, 410/3Jh and 410/4Ga, admeasuring 0.024, 0.239, 0.020, 0.097 and 0.202 hectares respectively, situated at Village Nawapara, Tahsil Dabhara, District Sakti (C.G.). The said lands were acquired for construction of Saradih Bairaj over the Mahanadi River pursuant to award dated 31.03.2017 passed in Land Acquisition Case No. 27/A-82/2012-13. It is the case of the petitioners that the compensation determined under the said award was inadequate. It is further stated that in respect of the same acquisition proceedings, one similarly situated land loser, namely Padum Kunwar, had sought reference under the provisions of the Right to



Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, and the matter ultimately culminated in a decision of this Court enhancing compensation. In view of the aforesaid, the petitioners have submitted an application under Section 73 of the Act of 2013 before the competent authority seeking re-determination of compensation on the basis of the enhanced award. However, the said application is still pending consideration. Aggrieved by such inaction, the petitioners have approached this Court seeking a direction for expeditious disposal of their application.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners' lands were acquired under the same notification and award as in the case of other land losers, who have already been granted enhanced compensation by virtue of judicial orders. It is contended that under Section 73 of the Act of 2013, the petitioners are entitled to seek re-determination of compensation. It is further submitted that the petitioners have already filed an application before the competent authority, however, the same has not been decided till date. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners are pressing a limited relief for direction to the concerned authority to decide their application within a stipulated time.
4. Learned State counsel submits that if the petitioners have filed an application under Section 73 of the Act of 2013, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authority in accordance



with law. He has no objection if an appropriate direction is issued for expeditious disposal of the said application.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.
6. Considering the facts of the case, particularly the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction to the concerned authority.
7. Accordingly, respondent No. 3/Land Acquisition Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Dabhara, District Sakti (C.G.) is directed to consider and decide the application submitted by the petitioners under Section 73 of the Act of 2013 expeditiously, preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt/submission of a certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.
8. It is further directed that while deciding the application, the authority shall take into consideration the judgment rendered by this Court in similar matters, including the decision in FAM No. 2/2023 and connected cases.
9. With the aforesaid direction, the petition stands disposed of at the motion stage.

Sd/-

(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge