



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CONT No. 707 of 2025

KRISHNA KUMAR *versus* SAROJ KUMAR MAHILANGE

Order on Board

24/02/2026	Mr. P.K. Dhurundhar, Advocate for the applicants. Mr. Rahul Tamaskar, Advocate for non-applicant. Pursuant to bailable warrant issued, respondent is present in person. He submits that notice of contempt is served in the office, but it was not brought to his notice, therefore, he could not appear before this Court either personally or through an advocate on earlier dates of hearing. He submits that his non-appearance in the Court is not deliberate but for some mistake on the part of subordinate staff working under him. As respondent is now represented through his counsel, his personal presence is dispensed with for the present. Learned counsel for applicants submits that in the award, amount of compensation against the land is calculated and applicants have also been held entitled for receipt of compensation towards rehabilitation, which is also specified in the award as Rs.5,00,000/-. Amount of
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compensation against land has been disbursed, however, compensation amount of Rs.5,00,000/- towards rehabilitation has not been disbursed. He submits that once the Sub-Divisional Officer-cum-Land Acquisition Officer passes an award, he becomes functus officio and cannot withhold any part of amount of compensation as awarded to applicants/ land oustees under the award.

Learned counsel for respondent would submit that according to the policy, land oustees are entitled for maximum compensation of Rs.5,00,000/- towards rehabilitation even if many pieces of lands are to be acquired. He, however, does not dispute submission of learned counsel for applicants that compensation towards rehabilitation of Rs.5,00,000/- is awarded in different land acquisition proceedings of the year 2019-2020. Whereas, the award, subject matter of contempt petition, is of the year 2018-19. He prays for and is granted three weeks time to file additional reply.

In the above circumstance, list this petition in the week commencing 13.4.2026.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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