

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPC No. 2657 of 2026****DILESHWAR SINGH versus UNION OF INDIA****Order Sheet**

16.06.2026	<p>Heard Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agrawal, learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard Mr. Rishabh Dev Singh, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Union of India as well as Mr. Vivek Sharma, learned Advocate General assisted by Mr. Priyank Rathi, learned Government Advocate, appearing for the State and Dr. N.K. Shukla, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Mr. Shailendra Shukla, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.6.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the impugned land acquisition proceedings are ex facie illegal and contrary to the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (for short, 'Act</p>
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of 2013'). It is contended that the proposed compensation chart has been prepared after an inordinate delay of nearly six years from the issuance of the preliminary notification dated 18.01.2019 and, in view of Section 25 of the Act of 2013 as well as the law laid down by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A. No. 30/2019, the acquisition proceedings have lapsed. It is further submitted that the mandatory requirement of publication of the preliminary notification in two daily newspapers and its publication at a convenient place in the locality was not complied with, thereby vitiating the entire acquisition process.

Learned counsel submits that despite such glaring illegality, the respondents are proceeding to determine compensation and are attempting to dispossess the petitioners from the subject land; therefore, the acquisition proceedings deserve to be stayed and the respondents be restrained from taking possession of the land during pendency of the petition.

In view of the above, issue notice to the respondents by ordinary as well as speed post.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective respondents, appear and accept notice on behalf of the respective respondents, therefore, issuance of notice to them, is dispensed with.

Four weeks time is granted to the learned counsel appearing for the respective respondents to file their reply-affidavits and thereafter, two weeks time is granted to the learned counsel for the petitioners to file rejoinder-affidavit.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that any order, award, compensation determination or further proceeding undertaken by the respondent authorities pursuant to the impugned land acquisition proceedings shall remain subject to the final outcome of the present writ petition.

List the matter thereafter.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice