

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

**RFA No.225 of 2017 a/w
Cross-Objections No.63 of 2017**

Date of decision: 21.04.2026

State of HP and others

....Appellants

Versus

Dila Ram and others

...Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sushil Kukreja, Judge

¹ *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the appellant: Mr. Balwinder Singh Ballu, Deputy Advocate General.

For the respondents: Mr. Karan Singh Kanwar, Advocate, for respondents No.1 to 3 & 5/Cross-objectors.

Respondent No.4 *ex-parte*.

Sushil Kukreja, Judge (*Oral*)

The instant appeal has been preferred under Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act') by the appellants-State against the award dated 26.09.2016, passed by the learned District Judge, Kinnaur at Rampur Bushahr, District Shimla, HP, with the prayer to set aside the impugned award.

2. Learned counsel for the appearing parties are *ad idem* to the fact that the instant appeal is squarely covered by a common

¹ *Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

judgment dated 05.09.2018 passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in a batch of appeals, lead case being **RFA No.12 of 2018**, titled as **State of HP & others vs. Gopal Chand & others**.

3. Since the point in issue is covered by the judgment passed in **Gopal Chand's** case (*supra*), there is no need to discuss the facts and circumstances as well as the evidence in detail and the instant appeal as well as the cross-objections can be disposed of in terms of the said judgment. A perusal of the judgment passed in **Gopal Chand's** case (*supra*), reveals that the market value of the acquired land assessed/fixed by the learned Reference Court @ Rs.33,333/- per biswa (Rs.6,66,660/- per bigha), has been held to be just and reasonable.

4. Therefore, in view of the above, no interference is required in the impugned award dated 26.09.2016, passed by the learned District Judge, Kinnaur at Rampur Bushahr, District Shimla, HP. Consequently, the instant appeal as well as the cross objections, being devoid of merits, deserve dismissal and are accordingly dismissed.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

April 21, 2026
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(Sushil Kukreja)
Judge