

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA****RFA's No. 325 & 347/2018 & 59/2020
Decided on: 26.05.2026**

(1) RFA No. 325/2018

Renuka Ji Dam Project & Ors.Appellants

Versus

Deep Ram & Ors. ...Respondents

(2) RFA No. 347/2018

Renuka Ji Dam Project & Ors.Appellants

Versus

Deep Ram & Ors. ...Respondents

(3) RFA No. 59/2020

Deep Ram & Ors.Appellants

Versus

Renuka Ji Dam Project & Ors. ...Respondents

*Coram***The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sushil Kukreja, Judge.**Whether approved for reporting?¹For the appellants : Mr. Shashi Shirshoo, Advocate,
for the appellants in RFA No.
325/2018.

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



Mr. Vikas Mishra, Advocate, for the appellants in RFA No. 347/2018.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate, for the appellants in RFA No. 59/2020.

For the respondents :

Mr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate, for respondents No. 1 to 5 and 6(i) to 6(iv) in RFA No. 325/2018 and for respondents in RFA No. 347/2018.

Mr. Shashi Shirshoo, Advocate, for the respondents in RFA No. 59/2020.

Sushil Kukreja, Judge (oral)

The instant appeals have been preferred under Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for short, 'the Act') by the appellants against the award dated 05.06.2018, passed by the learned Additional District Judge, Sirmaur at Nahan, H.P. (Camp at Paonta Sahib), with a prayer to set aside/enhance the impugned award.

2. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that the controversy involved in the instant appeals are squarely covered by a common judgment dated 02.11.2018, passed



by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in a batch of appeals, lead case being RFA No. 370 of 2014, titled as ***The Renuka Dam Project and Another vs. Surender Singh & others.***, wherein, it has been held in para-21 as under:-

“21. In view of aforesaid facts and circumstances, I find that Reference Court has rightly determined the enhanced market value of land at the rate of Rs. 5,00,000/- per bigha, irrespective of nature and classification of land and therefore, the impugned award dated 30.5.2014, passed by learned Reference Court is upheld and appeals are dismissed.....”

3. Since the point in issue is squarely covered by the judgment passed in ***Renuka Dam’s*** case (supra), there is no need to discuss the facts and circumstances as well as the evidence in detail and the instant appeals can be disposed of in terms of the said judgment.

4. Therefore, in view of the above, the impugned award dated 05.06.2018, passed by learned Reference Court, is modified to the extent that market value of land is determined at the rate of Rs. 5,00,000/- per bigha, irrespective of nature and classification of land. Besides, the petitioners are also entitled to all the statutory benefits in terms of the impugned award dated 05.06.2018.



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5. The appeals are disposed of accordingly, so also pending application(s), if any.

26th May, 2026
(raman)

(Sushil Kukreja)
Judge