

Gitanjali Vs. The State of H.P. & Ors.

CWP No. 5350/2026

17.04.2026 Present: Mr. Abhinav Mehta and Mr. Janak Raj,
Advocates, for the petitioner.

Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, Mr. L.N. Sharma,
Additional Advocates General with Mr.
Skinder Bhushan, Deputy Advocate
General, for respondent No.1.

Mr. C.N. Singh, Advocate, for respondents
No.2 & 3.

**CWP No.5350 of 2026 and CMP No.7650
of 2026.**

Notice. Mr. Y.P.S. Dhaulta, learned Additional
Advocate General and Mr. C.N. Singh, learned counsel,
accept notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and
respondents No.2 & 3, respectively.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner
submits that the reference petitions filed by the land
owners were decided on 11.07.2011, awarding a sum of
Rs. 6,66,000/- per bigha for all categories of land. The
land owners were also held entitled to all incidental
benefits like solatium, additional compensation and
interest thereupon as per the provisions of the Land
Acquisition Act. Appeals were preferred by respondents
No. 2 & 3 against the above award. In the meanwhile,
during the year 2013, respondents No. 2 & 3 enhanced
the prices of the land chargeable from the present

petitioner in-proportion to the award passed by the learned Reference Court. Possession of the lands/plots was handed over to the petitioner. The appeals preferred by respondents No. 2 & 3 were decided on 29.08.2018, holding the land owners entitled to compensation benefit @ Rs. 6,55,000/- per bigha along with statutory interest benefits. It has also been urged for the petitioner⁵ that respondents No. 2 & 3 executed the conveyance deed in favour of the petitioner.

3. Grievance has been raised against the notice issued by respondents No. 2 & 3 to the petitioner on 06.10.2025 and 10.11.2025 (Annexure P-8 colly), directing payment of an additional amount on account of enhanced land compensation allegedly in view of the award passed by the learned Reference Court as modified in the appeal preferred by respondents No. 2 & 3.

4. In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner that the compensation awarded had already been factored by respondents No. 2 and 3 in the year 2013 in the amounts charged & realized from the petitioner and that, subsequent thereto, conveyance deeds had also been executed in favour of the petitioner,

there shall be an interim stay of the impugned office letters dated 06.10.2025 and 10.11.2025 (Annexure P-8 colly).

Reply(ies) as prayed, be filed within three weeks. List thereafter before the appropriate Bench.

(Sushil Kukreja)
Judge

17th April, 2026
(Kiran)