

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

F.A. No. 367 of 2018

Union of India	...	...	Appellant
	Versus		
Virendra Mahto and Anr.	...	...	Respondents
With			

F.A. No. 192 of 2014; F.A. No. 193 of 2014; F.A. No. 194 of 2014; F.A. No. 195 of 2014; F.A. No. 196 of 2014; F.A. No. 197 of 2014; F.A. No. 198 of 2014; F.A. No. 199 of 2014; F.A. No. 200 of 2014; F.A. No. 201 of 2014; F.A. No. 202 of 2014; F.A. No. 203 of 2014; F.A. No. 204 of 2014; F.A. No. 205 of 2014; F.A. No. 206 of 2014; F.A. No. 207 of 2014; F.A. No. 208 of 2014; F.A. No. 209 of 2014; F.A. No. 210 of 2014; F.A. No. 211 of 2014; F.A. No. 212 of 2014; F.A. No. 213 of 2014; F.A. No. 214 of 2014; F.A. No. 215 of 2014; F.A. No. 216 of 2014; F.A. No. 217 of 2014; F.A. No. 218 of 2014; F.A. No. 219 of 2014; F.A. No. 220 of 2014; F.A. No. 221 of 2014; F.A. No. 222 of 2014; F.A. No. 223 of 2014; F.A. No. 224 of 2014; F.A. No. 225 of 2014; F.A. No. 226 of 2014; F.A. No. 227 of 2014; F.A. No. 228 of 2014; F.A. No. 229 of 2014; F.A. No. 230 of 2014; F.A. No. 231 of 2014; F.A. No. 232 of 2014; F.A. No. 233 of 2014; F.A. No. 234 of 2014; F.A. No. 235 of 2014; F.A. No. 236 of 2014; F.A. No. 237 of 2014; F.A. No. 238 of 2014; F.A. No. 239 of 2014; F.A. No. 240 of 2014; F.A. No. 241 of 2014; F.A. No. 242 of 2014; F.A. No. 243 of 2014; F.A. No. 244 of 2014; F.A. No. 245 of 2014; F.A. No. 246 of 2014; F.A. No. 247 of 2014; F.A. No. 248 of 2014; F.A. No. 249 of 2014; F.A. No. 250 of 2014; F.A. No. 251 of 2014; F.A. No. 252 of 2014; F.A. No. 253 of 2014; F.A. No. 254 of 2014; F.A. No. 255 of 2014; F.A. No. 256 of 2014; F.A. No. 257 of 2014; F.A. No. 258 of 2014; F.A. No. 259 of 2014; F.A. No. 260 of 2014; F.A. No. 261 of 2014; F.A. No. 262 of 2014; F.A. No. 263 of 2014; F.A. No. 264 of 2014; F.A. No. 265 of 2014; F.A. No. 266 of 2014; F.A. No. 267 of 2014; F.A. No. 268 of 2014; F.A. No. 269 of 2014; F.A. No. 270 of 2014; F.A. No. 271 of 2014; F.A. No. 272 of 2014; F.A. No. 273 of 2014; F.A. No. 274 of 2014; F.A. No. 275 of 2014; F.A. No. 276 of 2014; F.A. No. 277 of 2014; F.A. No. 278 of 2014; F.A. No. 279 of 2014; F.A. No. 280 of 2014; F.A. No. 281 of 2014; F.A. No. 282 of 2014; F.A. No. 283 of 2014; F.A. No. 284 of 2014; F.A. No. 285 of 2014; F.A. No. 286 of 2014; F.A. No. 287 of 2014; F.A. No. 288 of 2014; F.A. No. 289 of 2014; F.A. No. 290 of 2014; F.A. No. 291 of 2014; F.A. No. 292 of 2014; F.A. No. 293 of 2014; F.A. No. 294 of 2014; F.A. No. 295 of 2014; F.A. No. 296 of 2014; F.A. No. 297 of 2014; F.A. No. 298 of 2014; F.A. No. 299 of 2014; F.A. No. 300 of 2014; F.A. No. 301 of 2014; F.A. No. 302 of 2014; F.A. No. 303 of 2014; F.A. No. 304 of 2014; F.A. No. 305 of 2014; F.A. No. 306 of 2014; F.A. No. 307 of 2014; F.A. No. 308 of 2014; F.A. No. 309 of 2014; F.A. No. 310 of 2014; F.A. No. 311 of 2014; F.A. No. 313 of 2014; F.A. No. 314 of 2014; F.A. No. 315 of 2014;

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CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

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[in F.A. No. 367 of 2018]

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[in F.A. No. 192 of 2014 and analogous
cases except F.A. No. 367 of 2018]

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For the Resp. -UOI	: Mr. Abhijeet Kumar Singh, CGC [in F.A. No. 192 of 2014 and analogous cases except F.A. No. 367 of 2018]
For the Respondents	: Mr. Mitul Kumar, Advocate [in F.A. No. 367 of 2018]
For the Respondents	: Mr. Prabhat Kr. Sinha, Advocate : Mr. S. Singh, Advocate [in FA No. 203 of 2014]

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Learned counsel for the parties are present.

I.A. No. 11921 of 2025 in F.A. No. 209 of 2014

2. Learned counsel for the appellants has submitted that this petition has been filed seeking substitution of appellant Nos. 2, 4 and 6 after setting aside abatement and for condonation of delay of 1647 days in filing this interlocutory application. He has submitted that the *Vakalatnama* on behalf of legal heirs and successors of appellant Nos. 2, 4 and 6 has also been filed along with the interlocutory application and that the details of legal heirs and successors of the appellant Nos. 2, 4 and 6 have been mentioned in paragraph 2 of the interlocutory application.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent -Union of India has opposed the prayer and has submitted that there is enormous delay in filing the petition for substitution. He has submitted that the explanation furnished is not proper. However, he does not dispute that the quantum of compensation has not yet crystalized and the same is pending before this Court and all these appeals have been admitted for final hearing.

4. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and particularly the fact that the appeal has remained pending before this Court since 2014 and further, the appeal of the Union of India which has been numbered as F.A. No. 367 of 2018 is also pending and tagged along with this appeal and these appeals have all been admitted

for final hearing and the quantum of compensation in connection with acquisition of land is involved in the present case, I.A. No. 11921 of 2025 seeking substitution, setting aside abatement and for condonation of delay in filing the present interlocutory application, is hereby allowed.

5. Learned counsel for the appellants is directed to carry out necessary correction in the cause title in red ink prior to the next date of hearing.

6. It is made clear that this substitution is only for the purposes of the present appeal and not for any other purpose.

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7. Learned counsel for the appellant in F.A. No. 367 of 2018 has submitted that petition seeking substitution of some of the deceased respondents in F.A. No. 367 of 2018 will be filed by 08th September 2025.

8. At the request of the learned counsel for the appellant in F.A. No. 367 of 2018, the matters are directed to be posted on 10th September 2025 in the supplementary cause-list to be taken up at 02.15 p.m.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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