

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

Case:- WP(C) No. 925/2023

Yateem Bibi & Anr.

.....Petitioners

Through :- Mr. Vinod Kotwal, Advocate

v/s

Union of India & Ors.

.....Respondents

Through :- Ms. Nazia Fazal, Advocate Vice
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG
Mr. Vishal Bharti, DSGI Vice
Mr. Karan Sharma, CGSC

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE

ORDER
14.08.2026

1. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioners that land of the petitioners stands acquired, so much so that an award was also drawn. However, the compensation amount was assessed in favour of the predecessor-in-interest of the erstwhile owner-Dheru, in the manner that Rs. 5,75,000/- was assessed toward acquired land and Rs. 1,50,000/- towards structure.

2. It is further submitted that the legal representatives of the deceased (i.e., the present petitioners herein) had filed writ petition bearing **OWP No. 1124/2014** titled '*Yateem Bibi & Anr. Vs Union of India & Ors.*', decided on **14.09.2018**, with a direction to the petitioners to approach the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, for release of the compensation qua their share and the Deputy Commissioner, after ascertaining their right, if any, was directed to do so in accordance with law.

3. It is submitted that however, the Deputy Commissioner claims that the amount so assessed has been deposited in OWP No. 195/2010 and is silent as regards to the amount of compensation which has been assessed in favour of the petitioners.

4. When learned counsel appearing for respondents No. 3 & 4 was confronted with this aspect, she sought further time to lay objections, whereas Mr. Vishal Sharma, learned DSGI argued that entire compensation amount, as assessed, has been deposited with the respondent No. 3- Collector Land Acquisition, and that the compensation is payable by said respondent only.

5. Keeping that aspect in view, learned counsel for respondents No. 3 & 4 is given two weeks' time to file a comprehensive affidavit as to the steps taken by them towards compliance with order dated 14.09.2018 and to give details as to the amount assessed and payable to deceased through his successors.

6. List on **01.09.2026**. सत्यमेव जयते

(Sanjay Parihar)
Judge

JAMMU
14.08.2026
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