

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR  
AT IMPHAL**

**LA. App. No. 1 of 2024 with  
LA. App. No. 2 of 2024**

The Deputy Commissioner/ Collector (LA)

... *Appellant*

- *Versus* -

Ngairangbam Ibochou Singh represented by his 8  
LRs.

... *Respondents*

**B E F O R E  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

**ORDER**

22.06.2026

[1] Present Mr. RK. Umakanta, learned sr. counsel & GA assisted by Mr. W. Niranjit, learned Dy. GA on behalf of the appellant/ Collector (LA), Imphal West and Mr. H. Ishwarlal, learned sr. counsel assisted by Ms. Erika H, learned counsel for the respondents.

[2] The State Authorities have issued notification dated 16.08.2008 in connection with acquisition of land under Land Acquisition Act, 1894 for expansion of Imphal Tulihal Airport in pursuance to the award dated 21.02.2009 passed by the Collector (LA), Imphal West where @ of Rs. 18.37 per sq. ft. for agricultural land and Rs. 91.83 per sq. ft. of Ingkhol land. Being unsatisfied, the respondents herein challenged the award and reference Court i.e. District Judge, Imphal West, Judgment & Order dated 24.06.2019 passed in O.S. (LA) Nos. 14 of 2010/ 28 of 2013/ 3 of 2016 holding that the respondents are entitled to a compensation @ Rs. 120 per sq. ft. and the Solatium @ 30 % and 12% additional charge/ interest and Collector (LA), Imphal West was directed to make the payment within 6(six) weeks from the date of order. Being aggrieved by the order passed by the reference Court, the Collector (LA), Imphal West filed the present 2(two) LA. Appeals being LA. App. No. 1 of 2024 & LA. App. No. 2 of 2024. It is submitted that amount of the original award passed by the Collector (LA), Imphal West has been deposited by the Department of Transport, Govt. of Manipur and the same is in the reference Court. However, the respondents

herein have not withdrawn the same, as submitted by Mr. H. Ishwarlal, learned sr. counsel for the respondents.

[3] Mr. RK. Umakanta, learned sr. counsel & GA submits that 2(two) Civil Execution Case nos. 3 of 2021 & 2 of 2021 have been filed by the respondents herein against the Collector (LA), Imphal West for non-payment of the enhance portion of the award passed by reference Court. In the Execution proceedings, the Executing Court has directed the Deputy Commissioner, Imphal West to furnish the details list of assets of the Collector (LA), Imphal West. The learned sr. counsel & GA for the appellant submits that Collector (LA), Imphal West passed the award as statutory authority for the expansion of the Imphal Tuliha Airport and the award amount has to be deposited by the acquiring authorities; and amount of the original award passed by the Collector (LA) has already deposited by the Department of Transport, Govt. of Manipur. It is also submitted that the possession of the land has already been transferred to the Airport Authority of India. It is the case of the appellant that the Collector (LA), Imphal West is only the authority to make payment after deposited by the concerned acquiring Departments. In the circumstances, it is prayed that Collector (LA), Imphal West may be protected till the next date.

[4] The learned sr. counsel for the respondents submits that the present appeal is not maintainable in the present form.

[5] This Court has perused the notification dated 16.08.2008 and it is seen that the land including that of the respondents herein have been acquired for the expansion of Imphal Tuliha Airport. It is submitted at the bar by Mr. RK. Umakanta, learned sr. counsel & GA appearing on behalf of the appellant that the amount of original award passed by the Collector (LA), Imphal West has already been deposited in the reference Court by the Department of Transport, Govt. of Manipur. This Court is of the tentative view that the enhance payment of award @ Rs. 120 per sq. ft. has to be deposited by the Department of Transport, Manipur or any other authorities, who got the possession of the land. The appellant is directed to identify the authorities who are required to deposit the additional amount passed by the reference Court by the next date. In the circumstances, till next date, no coercive action shall be taken against the Collector (LA), Imphal West.

[6] Mr. RK. Umakanta, learned sr. counsel & GA for the appellant submits that he may be permitted to file corrected memo of parties especially, with respect to the respondent no. 9 on the next date.

[7] List these cases on 22.07.2026.

[8] Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing for the parties by whatsapp or any other available mode.

**JUDGE**

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