

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
			WPPIL No.150 of 2025 <u>Hon'ble G. Narendar, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</u> Ms. Tanupriya Joshi, learned counsel for the petitioner. 2. Mr. B.S. Parihar, learned Addl. C.S.C. along with Ms. Rajni Supyal, learned Brief Holder for the State. 3. Mr. Vipul Sharma, learned counsel for respondent no.3. 4. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Addl. C.S.C. for the State. 5. The petitioner makes out a short point that the exercise of public hearing being conducted from 5th August, 2025 and proposed to be completed on 15th August, 2025, is violative of the provisions of Section 8 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act; that, the Social Impact Assessment Report was uploaded only on 2nd of August, 2025 i.e. three days before the proposed public hearing. 6. Learned counsel for the petitioner would draw the attention of the Court to Sub-Rule 4 (i) of Rule 8 of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Social Impact Assessment and Consent) Rules 2014, which reads as under:- <i>“(4)(i) The draft Social Impact Assessment report and Social Impact Management Plan shall be published in the local language three weeks prior to the public hearing and distributed to all affected Gram Panchayats and Municipal offices. One copy of the draft report shall be</i>

			<i>made available in the District Collector's office."</i> 7. On a plain reading of Section 8 in conjunction with Rule 8 (4) (i), it is apparent that the Act imposes an embargo on the State to conduct any public hearing prior to three weeks, after publication of the Social Impact Report. 8. Admittedly, in the instant case, the Social Impact Assessment Report is published on 02.08.2025. In that view, a period of three weeks would stand completed on 23.08.2025. 9. In that view, the fourth respondent shall abandon the present exercise and recommence the exercise from 25.08.2025. 10. List this case on 04.09.2025 to report compliance. (Alok Mahra, J.) 13.08.2025 BS (G. Narendar, C.J.) 13.08.2025
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