

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SWrit Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 112/2026

KALAWATI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR, HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date : 06-02-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Anil Kumar, AOR
Mr. Bikash Chandra, Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The petitioner has, through this writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution, sought a direction for an expeditious disposal of Regular First Appeal No.215/2014, stated to be pending before the High Court of Himachal Pradesh for the last 12 years. It is averred that the land of the petitioner, along with that of her co-owners, was acquired in 2005 for commercial construction and development projects. The compensation awarded by the Land Acquisition Collector was Rs.3,75,000/- per bigha. According to the petitioner, the market value of the land at the relevant time

was not less than Rs.10,00,000/- per bigha. She approached the Reference Court, however, no enhancement was made, though, according to the petitioner, she relied upon various sale deeds as exemplars. Still aggrieved, the petitioner along with other co-landowners are stated to have preferred Regular First Appeal No.215/2014 before the Himachal Pradesh High Court. It is stated that the said first appeal has been pending for over 12 years without any effective progress. The petitioner, who is a senior citizen, has thus filed the instant writ petition.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner. This Court has consistently observed that case management or prioritisation in matters of listing the cases is the sole prerogative of the High Court. No effective direction, which amounts to interference in the power and prerogative of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Court, can thus be issued by this Court. However, if the regular first appeal has been pending for the last 12 years or so, the petitioner is advised to move an application before the High Court for out of turn/early hearing. A copy of our order may also be attached with that application. We have no reason to doubt that the High Court will consider such an application sympathetically.

3. With the above, the writ petition stands disposed of with pending application(s), if any.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)