

ITEM NO.50

COURT NO.3

SECTION IV-D

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos. 26913-26915/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-09-2025 in CR No. 6032/2025 04-09-2025 in CR No. 6033/2025 04-09-2025 in CR No. 6034/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

VINEET SHARMA & ANR.ETC.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

[TO BE TAKEN UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER FRESH MATTERS]

WITH

SLP(C) No. 27080/2025 (IV-D)

SLP(C) No. 27436-27439/2025 (IV-D)

SLP(C) No. 27124/2025 (IV-D)

(IA 238788/2025 - FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(C) No. 8377/2026 (IV-B)

(IA No. 6342/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS and IA No. 6341/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(C) No. 8378/2026 (IV-B)

(IA No. 58210/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

Date : 23-03-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

1) After hearing learned counsel for the parties, it is apparent that the order dated 04.09.2025 passed by the High Court¹ is under challenge, whereby the High Court issued the following directions:

“21. Therefore, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petitions are disposed of with the following directions:-

1 High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

(i) The petitioner-NHAI is directed to deposit 100% of the award amount granted under Section 3G(5) of 1956 Act before the learned Executing Court, in case the aforesaid 100% amount has not been deposited till date before the learned Executing Court. In case the amount is deposited before CALA, then it shall be transmitted to the learned Executing Court forthwith. In case the undertakings given by the learned counsels for the petitioners-NHAI with regard to the above on taking instructions from NHAI are not complied with, then the respondents-land losers shall be at liberty to file any appropriate application before this Court or any other petition including a contempt petition.

(ii) Out of the total amount deposited by the NHAI, 50% of the deposited amount shall be deposited in a Nationalized Bank in the shape of FDR earning maximum rate of interest and the same shall be renewed from time to time, if required. The remaining 50% of the amount may be released to the land losers in the event of their filing an application within a period of four months from today, subject to furnishing of adequate bank guarantee. In case no such application is made by the land losers in this regard within the aforesaid period, then the aforesaid amount of 50% shall be kept in a Nationalized Bank in the shape of FDR earning maximum rate of interest.

(ii) The respondents-land losers shall be

permitted to seek release of the aforesaid amount of 50% mentioned in the preceding para, even partially i.e. less than 50% also subject to furnishing of adequate bank guarantee and thereafter, the remaining amount shall be deposited in the Nationalized Bank in the shape of FDR in the same manner.

(iv) The Courts where the objections under Section 34 of the Act are pending shall make an endeavour to decide the same as early as possible and preferably within a period of six months from today.

2) It is a matter in which acquisition of the land belonging to the petitioners was made by the NHAI and the determination of compensation is an issue, wherein the direction to deposit the entire amount and release 50 per cent on bank guarantee has been ordered.

3) In our view, when the land belonging to petitioners was acquired to which compensation has been determined and deposited, though under challenge before the High Court, however, putting such an onerous condition to release 50% only on the bank guarantee does not appear reasonable. In support of the said contention reliance has been placed on the order dated 02.02.2026 passed recently in the case of ***National Highways Authority of India v. Indian Acrylics Limited & Ors. (SLP (C) Diary No. 2998 of 2026)***. However, considering the same, we dispose of these petitions with the direction that condition No. 21(ii) stands modified and the

condition of furnishing bank guarantee by the High court for release of 50% amount stands set aside. The said amount be released to the land owners, on furnishing security of their own land, or on the security furnished of any other land owner submitting the papers of title. As prayed, the proceedings with respect to determination of the compensation pending before the High Court may be decided on priority or as expeditiously as possible.

4) With the above modification in the order impugned, the present Special Leave Petitions stand disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(NIDHI AHUJA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NAND KISHOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR