

ITEM NO.26 Court 11 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION III

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) No(s). 15326/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-08-2021 in SCA No. 7257/2014 passed by the High Court Of Gujarat At Ahmedabad)

ADITYASINHJI GHANSHYAMSINHJI JADEJA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SARDAR SAROVAR NARMADA NIGAM LTD & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.122624/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.122626/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 15342/2021 (III)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.122980/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.122982/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(C) No. 15181/2021 (III)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.122135/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.122137/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 01-10-2021 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V. RAMASUBRAMANIAN

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

The challenge in the present Special Leave Petitions is to an order passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad on 23.08.2021 challenging the acquisition of land situated in Village Chhasra, Taluka Mundra, Dist. Kutch. An award dated 10.10.2013 was passed in pursuance of land acquisition proceedings initiated under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. Though the challenge in the writ petition was on multifarious grounds, but before this Court, Mr. K. V. Vishwanathan, learned senior counsel appearing for the land owners, has argued that they will be satisfied if they are given compensation as given to 17 similarly situated land owners in terms of the consent award passed by the Special Land Acquisition Officer.

Ms. Manisha Lavkumar, learned senior counsel appearing for Respondent No.1 - Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd., states that the respondents are ready and willing to pay same compensation as paid to several similarly situated land owners.

In view of the said fact, the present Special Leave Petitions are disposed of with a direction to Respondent No. 1 to pay same amount of compensation as has been paid to several other similarly situated land owners within a period of three months from today. The costs of Rs. 50,000/- imposed by the High Court is waived.

In case the land owners are not satisfied with the amount of compensation so awarded, they will be at liberty to avail the remedy of Reference under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 in accordance with law.

Pending interlocutory application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

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