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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

PANKAJ MITHAL; J., PRASANNA B. VARALE; J.

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO(S). 30798/2025; 07-11-2025

SANJEEV KUMAR *versus* STATE OF HARYANA & ORS.

Land Acquisition Act, 1894 - Compensation vs. Job in Lieu of Acquired Land - Held, under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, on land being acquired, the family is entitled only to the compensation which has already been paid - There is no provision under the Act for the grant of a job in lieu of the acquired land - A policy decision for giving a job in lieu of acquired land cannot prevail over the statutory provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 - The Supreme Court found no error or illegality in the authorities and the High Court dismissing the claim for a job, which was filed more than 18 years after the framing of the policy - Petition dismissed.

[Para 3]

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-08-2025 in LPA No. 1474/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, AOR

ORDER

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. The land of the family of the petitioner is said to have been acquired in the year 1998 under the provisions of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 ('the Act'). The family of the petitioner was awarded compensation and the same was also paid. The petitioner who was not even born at the time when the land was acquired, in the year 2025, applied for a job in lieu of the acquired land. The request was rejected and the petition filed by the petitioner seeking job in lieu of the land was also dismissed.
3. Under the provisions of the Act, on the land being acquired, the petitioner or his family is entitled only to the compensation which has already been paid. There is no provision for grant of job in lieu of the acquired land. The policy decision, if any, of giving job in lieu of the acquired land cannot prevail over the statutory provisions and as such, we find no error or illegality on the part of the authorities and the High Court in dismissing the claim of the petition for job, which was filed after more than 18 years of the framing of the policy.
4. The special leave petition is, accordingly, dismissed. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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