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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ (1) **LA.APP. 620/2011**

NAFE SINGH & ORS. Appellants

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr.Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr.Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S.Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(2) **LA.APP. 621/2011**

PREET SINGH & ORS. Appellants

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr.Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr.Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S.Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(3) **LA.APP. 622/2011**

PYARI Appellant

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

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UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
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Mr. Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S. Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(4) **LA.APP. 623/2011**

RAJ SINGH Appellant

Through: Mr. L.B. Rai & Mr. Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr. Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S. Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(5) **LA.APP. 624/2011**

JAI CHAND Appellant

Through: Mr. L.B. Rai & Mr. Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr. Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S. Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(6) **LA.APP. 625/2011**

DHAN KAUR Appellant

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr.Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr.Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S.Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(7) **LA.APP. 626/2011**

MAHA SINGH Appellant

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr.Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr.Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S.Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(8) **LA.APP. 627/2011**

SATYAPAL & ORS. Appellants

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr.Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &

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Mr.Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S.Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
DMRC

(9) **LA.APP. 631/2011**

ANGOORI Appellant

Through: Mr.L.B.Rai & Mr.Rajan Bhat, Advocates.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Podar, Senior Advocate, with
Mr.Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Mr. Navlin Swain &
Mr.Mohitrao Jadhav, Advocates
Mr. Bankey Bihari Sharma, Advocate for DDA
Mr. A.S.Rao, Section Officer (Legal), from
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CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL GAUR

ORDER

% **30.11.2011**

CM No. 17352/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2133 days) & LAA. APP 620/2011

CM No. 17403/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2078 days) & LAA. APP 621/2011

CM No. 17406/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2098 days) & LAAAPP 622/2011

CM No. 17408/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2092 days) & LAAAPP 623/2011)

CM No. 17410/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2123 days) & LAA. APP 624/2011

CM No. 17412/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2098 days) & LAA. APP 625/2011

CM No. 17447/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2098 days) & LAA. APP 626/2011

CM No. 17449/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2120 days) & LAA. APP 627/2011

CM No. 17657/2011 (u/S 5 of Limitation Act for condoning delay of 2100 days) & LAA. APP 631/2011

1. Since identical reasons are put-forth in the above captioned nine applications, seeking condonation of inordinate delay in filing accompanying appeals to claim higher compensation for the acquired lands, therefore, with the consent of learned counsel for the parties, these applications were heard together and are being disposed of vide this common order.

2. It is often said '*ignorance of law is no excuse*'. To explain the inordinate delay of more than five years, the reason put-forth by the applicants is that they could not contact their counsel and were not aware of their right to seek enhanced compensation in appeal. Why they could not contact their counsel is not disclosed in these applications.

3. The additional affidavit filed by the applicants in support of their applications for condonation of delay, is just an elaboration of the plea of ignorance taken in the applications and on merits to justify parity with the decision of this Court in LA.APP. No. 784/2005 '**Jamna Vs. Union of India & Ors.**', rendered on 8th July, 2011. However, this does not take the case of the applicants any further, as the tendency of speculative litigation has to be curbed with a heavy hand.

4. Finding the aforesaid explanation to be hardly convincing, and while adopting the reasoning for refusal of condonation of delay of more than five

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years in LA APP No. 617/2011, '*Satbir singh Vs. Union of India & Ors.*'
dismissed vide separate detailed order today, these applications for
condonation of delay are dismissed with costs. Consequently, accompanying
appeals are also dismissed as time barred.


(SUNIL GAUR)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

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