HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPC No. 2299 of 2017

Karma Singh S/o Tikaram, Aged about 35 years, R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Versus

- 1. Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

WPC No. 2381 of 2017

Amilal S/o Chinharam, Aged about 55 years, R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Vs

- 1. Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

WPC No. 2377 of 2017

Manmohan S/o Jaganath, Aged about 40 years, R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Vs

- Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry f Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

WPC No. 2385 of 2017

Hem Singh S/o Tikaram, Aged about 30 years R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Vs

- 1. Union of India through Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

WPC No. 2382 of 2017

Heeramani Rathiya S/o Maheshram, Aged about 36 years, R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Vs

- Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, 110001
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

WPC No. 2380 of 2017

Babulal Rathiya S/o Late Jaimal Singh, Aged about 28 years, R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Vs

- 1. Union of India Through Secretary, Minsitry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, 110001.
- South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

WPC No. 2389 of 2017

Shuklaram S/o Jethuram Manjhi, Aged about 39 years R/o Village Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

Vs

- 1. Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

And

WPC No. 2383 of 2017

Digamber S/o Chamar Singh Aged about 28 years, R/o Village- Chhal, Janpad Panchayat Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

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- 1. Union of India Through Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 2. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, through its Chairman Cum Managing Director, Seepat Road, Bilaspur District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Sub Area Manager, Chhal Sub Area, S E C L, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 4. Collector, Raigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue), Dharamjaigarh, District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

For Petitioners : Shri Amit Kumar Chaki, Advocate. For Respondents : Shri Shailendra Shukla, Advocate.

For State : Shri Arun Sao, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

31/08/17

Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners' land has been acquired by the respondent No. 2, South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, under the provisions of Coal Bearing Act (Acquisition and Development Act), 1957 (for short the "Act of 1957") in lieu of which neither compensation has been paid to the petitioners nor rehabilitation has been provided to them till date. The petitioners have also made representations before the competent authorities but it has not been considered and decided till date and, therefore, directions may be issued to the respondents to decide the same expeditiously.

- 2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners.
- 3. The prayer appears to be fair and reasonable and is accordingly allowed.
- 4. Be that as it may, the respondents No. 2 & 3 are directed to consider and decide the petitioners' representations strictly in accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-

(<u>Sanjay K. Agrawal)</u> Judge