

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

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WP(C) No. 1681/2023
CM No. 3950/2023

Surjeet Singh & Ors.

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Priyanshu Sharma, Advocate.

vs

UT of J&K & Anr.

..... Respondent(s)

Through:

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SEKHRI, JUDGE

ORDER
27.06.2023

The case set up by the petitioners is that their only source of income was agriculture pursuits, however, due to introduction of Baglihar project in the year 1999-2000, their entire landed property was snatched by the Government in acquisition proceedings. Petitioners have placed reliance upon circular/order bearing no. 2839 dated 21.01.2014, issued by JKSPDC, which provides that *“while recruiting staff for the power development of various hydroelectric projects in the state, serious efforts shall be made to employ the local youth in the following:-*

- a) *People whose land has come under the project.*
- b) *People belonging to the concerned village.*

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The short grievance projected by the petitioners is that they made their respective representations to respondent no. 2 to the effect that in Baglihar Hydroelectric Project, there are various maintenance companies and all the employees in the maintenance companies are outsider. However, respondent no. 2 has not given any benefit to the affected families whose lands have been acquired for the construction of project despite aforesaid circular/order issued by JKSPDC.

Having regard to facts and circumstances attending the present case coupled with submissions made at bar, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no. 2 to accord consideration to the representations filed by the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law by passing a speaking order as early as possible preferably within a period of six weeks from the date a copy of this order is made available to him.

Disposed of accordingly.

(Rajesh Sekhri)
Judge

Jammu
27.06.2023
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