

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 9599 OF 2016
(Arising out of S.L.P(C) No. 23002 of 2015)

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI THROUGH
SECRETARY LAND AND BUILDING
DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS

... APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

KAILASH CHAND GUPTA AND OTHERS

... RESPONDENT (S)

J U D G M E N T

KURIAN, J.:

Leave granted.

2. The appellants are aggrieved by the judgment of the High Court wherein it has been declared that the land acquisition proceedings have lapsed in view of operation of Section 24(2) of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as "2013 Act"). We have dealt with a

similar issue in **Govt. of NCT of Delhi and another v. Mahender Singh and others** (Civil Appeal No. 9596/2016). Therefore, in terms of the said judgment, this appeal is dismissed.

3. However, dismissal of this appeal shall not stand in the way of the appellants to initiate proceedings afresh for the acquisition of the subject land under the provisions of the 2013 Act.

4. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, the appellants are given a period of one year to exercise its liberty granted under Section 24(2) of the 2013 Act for initiation of the acquisition proceedings afresh.

5. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

6. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGMENT

.....J.
(KURIAN JOSEPH)

.....J.
(ROHINTON FALI NARIMAN)

**New Delhi;
September 22, 2016.**