



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN  
BENCH AT JAIPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12797/2025

Gulab Dan Bareth S/o Shri Prabhu Dan

----Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

----Respondents

Connected With

1. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12678/2025
2. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12685/2025
3. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12718/2025
4. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12719/2025
5. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12776/2025
6. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12785/2025
7. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12923/2025
8. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 13469/2025
9. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12662/2025
10. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12684/2025
11. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12686/2025
12. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12688/2025
13. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12691/2025
14. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12704/2025
15. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12707/2025
16. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12708/2025
17. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12723/2025
18. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12742/2025
19. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12775/2025
20. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12777/2025
21. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12778/2025
22. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12779/2025
23. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12780/2025
24. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12783/2025
25. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12787/2025
26. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12789/2025
27. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12819/2025
28. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 13002/2025
29. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 13033/2025





30. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 13471/2025

31. S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 13500/2025

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For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ramit Pareek with  
Mr. Kartik Sharma

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Bharat Vyas, ASG, assisted by  
Mr. C.S. Sinha,  
Mr. Devesh Yadav,  
Mr. Mayank Kamwar and  
Ms. Divya Modi  
Mr. Manoj Chaudhary for  
Mr. G.S. Gill, AAG

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI**  
**Order**

**11/02/2026**

**1.** The present writ petition No.12797/2025 has been filed with the following prayers:-

*"It is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that your lordship may graciously be pleased to issue writ of mandamus or writ of certiorari or any other appropriate writ, order or direction as follows:*

- A. *To quash and set aside the impugned gazette notification No. S.O. 3241 (E) dated 08.08.2024 (Annexure-2) issued by Respondent No. 3.*
- B. *To quash and set aside the impugned gazette notification No. S.O. 3276 (E) dated 16.07.2025 (Annexure-9) issued by Respondent No. 3.*
- C. *To call for the entire relevant record and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by the Respondents for project under question viz. Ringas-Khatu ShyamJi New BG Line Project;*
- D. *To pass the order to initiate the enquiry against the Respondents;*
- E. *To quash and declare the entire acquisition proceedings as illegal and direct the Respondents to act as per Detailed Project Report;*





F. *Grant such further relief / reliefs which in the facts and circumstances of this case may do complete justice to the petitioner.*

G. *Pass any other appropriate order/direction, which this Hon'ble Court deems fit.*

*Any other writ order or direction, which this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper, may kindly be passed in favour of the petitioner."*

**2.** Mr. Ramit Pareek, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the respondents No.1 to 5 were required to acquire the land for construction of special railway project namely, Ringas – Khatu ShyamJi (17.49km) New BG Line project in District Sikar in the State of Rajasthan, strictly in consonance of the Detailed Project Report (**DPR**) prepared by the technical experts and could not have deviated from the said DPR.

**3.** Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the gazette notification dated 08.08.2024 issued by the respondents No.1 to 5 – Ministry of Railway, by invoking the provisions of Section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (as amended by the Railway (Amendment) Act, 2008) (hereinafter referred to as "**the Act of 1989**") was in utter violation and in deviation of the DPR prepared by the State – respondents themselves as the khasra numbers mentioned in the said gazette notification dated 08.08.2024 are distinct than the khasra numbers mentioned in the DPR and thus, the impugned notification dated 08.08.2024 cannot survive solely on this ground.

**4.** Upon knowing the said facts, petitioners filed their objections under Section 20D of the Act of 1989 before the Competent Authority – respondent No.6, however, despite there being a specific procedure for dealing with said objections under Section





20D(2) of the Act of 1989, no decision in pursuance to the procedure as provided was taken on the said objections.

**5.** Learned counsel further submits that as per internal communication dated 12.09.2024 of the respondents, it was mentioned that the alignment of the project (Ringas - Khatu ShyamJi (17.49km) New BG Line project) is in deviation with the sanctioned DPR which may have serious implications and thus, the Authorities were required to look into the same.

**6.** Taking note of the said communication, a revised gazette notification dated 21.03.2025 was issued by the respondents No.1 to 5, which was in accordance with the original DPR.

**7.** Learned counsel submits that subsequently for reasons best known to the said respondents, the notification dated 21.03.2025 was de-notified on 13.06.2025, thereby reviving the original notification dated 08.08.2024.

**8.** Learned counsel further submits that on 16.07.2025, gazette notification under Section 20E of the Act of 1989 has been issued regarding declaration of acquisition of land of the petitioners and not only the said notification is contrary to the DPR but surprisingly, it records that no objection to the notification dated 08.08.2024 under Section 20A of the Act of 1989 was received by the respondents.

**9.** Thus, the challenge to the acquisition is being made by the petitioners on three grounds viz.,:

- i)** the acquisition being done in pursuance to the notification dated 08.08.2024 is not in accordance with the DPR;





- ii) the objections submitted by the petitioners have not been considered, rather, the notification dated 16.07.2025 records that no objections were even filed;
- iii) the procedure prescribed under Section 20D of the Act of 1989 for deciding the objections have not been adhered to.

**10.** *Per contra*, Mr. Bharat Vyas, learned Additional Solicitor General/Senior counsel assisted by Mr. C.S. Sinha, Advocate, submits that the special railway project namely, Ringas – Khatu ShyamJi (17.49km) New BG Line project is a project of immense importance and the acquisition has been carried out strictly in accordance with the DPR and there is no deviation whatsoever and thus, the objections as raised by the learned counsel for the petitioners are misconceived.

**11.** Learned Senior counsel further submits that the deviation as alleged by the petitioners is only out of their whims, whereas the land which is sought to be acquired under the notification dated 08.08.2024 is the one which is actually required as per the original DPR.

**12.** Learned Senior counsel further submits that the subsequent notification dated 21.03.2025 was rightly de-notified on 31.06.2025. Learned Senior counsel finally submits that for a project such as the present one, any hyper technical objection would be of no significance as the larger public interest has to be seen while dealing with any challenge being made to a project as important as the present one.

**13.** Mr. Manoj Chaudhary, Advocate, for Mr. G.S. Gill, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the respondent No.6





submits that along with their reply they have filed a letter dated 19.10.2024, which records that the objections were filed by the petitioners and on receipt of the said objections, they were forwarded to respondents No.1 to 5 requiring their comments, as any decision on the said objections regarding alignment was within their domain. Thus, the factum of objections being filed by the petitioners has been duly accepted by the respondent No.6.

**14.** Heard learned counsel for the parties.

**15.** Taking note of the above facts, Mr. C.S. Sinha, Advocate, who is assisting learned ASG, is directed to file the technical specifications of the DPR which formed the basis of the special railway project (Ringas – Khatu ShyamJi (17.49km) New BG Line project) so as to assist this Court with respect to the land sought to be acquired in consonance thereto.

**16.** Further, respondent No.6 is directed to place on record a photocopy and bring the original record of their Office with respect to the receipt of all the objections as received from the petitioner and forwarding of the same to the respondents No.1 to 5.

**17.** Considering the grounds raised by the petitioners and also the fact that filing of the objections by the petitioners is specifically admitted by the respondent No.6 vide its letter dated 19.10.2024 (Annexure R-6/1), respondents are restrained from passing award under Section 20F of the Act of 1989 till the next date.

**18.** List the matter on 05.03.2026.

**(ANUROOP SINGHI),J**

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