



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) NO.9661 OF 2026

Trilochana Sabar

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Petitioner

Mr. Gopal Chandra Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opp. Parties

*Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash,
Additional Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

09.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Grievance of the Petitioner in this writ petition is with regard to inaction of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project, Kusumkhunti, Kalahandi (Opposite Party No.3) in disposing of his application filed under Section 28-A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for brevity, 'the Act') for re-determination of compensation in terms of the judgment dated 30.11.2016 passed by the learned Civil Judge (Senior Division), Bhawanipatna in LAR No. 127 of 2016.
3. Keeping in mind the grievance of the Petitioner, this Court, vide order dated 17.04.2026, directed learned State Counsel to take instruction, with regard to current



status of the application filed by the Petitioner under Section 28-A of the Act.

4. Mr. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel, on instruction, submits that the application filed by the Petitioner under Section 28-A of the Act has already been decided, and the estimate is submitted to the Director, (R&R) and Ex-officio Special Secretary to Government, Department of Water Resources, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.573/UIIP dated 25.06.2026, for sanction. A copy of the said letter is produced before this Court for reference. The same is taken on record.

5. He, therefore, prays for grant of two months' time for sanction of the re-determined amount and to disburse the same in favour of the Petitioner.

6. Mr. Das, learned Counsel for the Petitioner, however, submits that the matter is pending since 2016. Hence, early steps may be taken for release of the differential re-determined compensation to the Petitioner.

7. Taking note of the submissions made by learned Counsel for the parties, this Court disposes of the writ petition with a direction that the Director, (R & R)-cum-Ex-officio Special Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, Bhubaneswar (Opposite Party No.2), shall accord sanction to the proposal submitted by the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Indravati



Irrigation Project, Kusumkhunti, as expeditiously as possible, preferably by end of September 2026. Upon receipt of the said order of sanction, Opposite Party No.3 shall do well to disburse the amount in favour of the Petitioner by November, 2026, on proper acknowledgment and on verification of the entitlement of the Petitioner.

8. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application as per rules.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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