

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.690 of 2022

Rajesh Jagat

....

Petitioner

Mr. Bijaya Kumar Behera-1, Advocate

-versus-

***Mr. Tarani Suna, Special Land
Acquisition Officer, Khariar &
Another***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. L. Samantaray, AGA

**CORAM:
JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH
JUSTICE M.S. RAMAN**

**ORDER (Oral)
24.09.2022**

Order No.

01. This matter is taken up by virtual/physical mode.

1. The premise for invoking the contempt jurisdiction is that the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Indra Irrigation Project, Khariar has not re-determined the amount of compensation in compliance of award/judgment dated 9th January, 2019 pertaining to Land Acquisition Reference Case No.53 of 2007 seeking payment of compensation under Section 28-A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 within the time stipulated by this Court in the writ petition filed earlier by the Petitioner.

2. Mr. L. Samantaray, Additional Government Advocate while providing the reason for the delay, has submitted that the Land Acquisition Officer concerned has since ascertained the amount of compensation to be paid to the Petitioner has recommended to the

State Government for grant of approval for release of the amounts and disbursement to the Petitioner. He states that the technically order stands complied with. However, keeping in view the true spirit of the order, the Competent Authority shall within next two months ensure that the admissible amounts are sanctioned and disbursed to the Petitioner.

3. In view of the above, we dispose of the present contempt petition with a direction to the Competent Authority to ensure the disbursement of the admissible amounts to the Petitioner by 31st December, 2022, failing which the Petitioner shall be entitled to revival of the present contempt by filing a proper application.

Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(Jaswant Singh)
Judge

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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September 24, 2022 Cuttack