

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 5481 of 2022

Saraswati Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. K.K. Swain, Advocate

-versus-

***The Secy. Ministry of Railway Board
(Union of India) and others***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. P.K. Parhi

Deputy Solicitor General of India along with

Mr. D. Gochhayat, CGC

CORAM:

THE CHIEF JUSTICE

MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

19.02.2024

Order No.

11. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. The petitioner, who is a practicing lawyer, has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition in the form of a Public Interest Litigation for a direction to the Opp. Party Nos.1 to 4 to take steps to complete the Foot Over Bridge from north to south from Platform Nos.1 to 3 and newly constructed Platform Nos.4 and 5 to facilitate the convenience of the general passengers at Chatrapur main railway station.
3. A counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of the Opp. Party Nos.1 to 3 today which has been taken on record.
4. It has been stated, inter alia, in the counter affidavit that recently a fresh tender has been issued on 25.01.2024 for construction of the over bridge which is half way constructed. The tender was

supposed to be reopened on 16.02.2024 as stated in the counter affidavit. It has further been stated that the work will begin soon after issuance of Letter of Acceptance (LoA) probably in the month of May and the work shall be completed within six months.

5. In view of the statements which have been made in today's counter affidavit filed by the Union of India, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Opp. Parties to ensure that the work of construction of railway over bridge/bridges is to be completed within six months from today. Keeping in mind the public interest involved in the matter, we give liberty to the petitioner to approach this Court, if the work is not completed within the period as specified in the present order.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(Chakradhari Sharan Singh)
Chief Justice

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

PKSahoo/Sipun

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