**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**W.P.(C) No. 31381 of 2024**

***Banshidhar Mohanty*** .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Jyotirmay Gupta, Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha and Others*** .... ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Debasish Nayak, AGA

**CORAM:**
**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**
**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

**ORDER**

**Order No.** **17.12.2024**

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned counsel for the State.

3. This Writ Petition has been filed by the Petitioner with the following prayer:-

> "The petitioner therefore humble prays that the Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to admit this case, issue notice to opposite parties for show cause and after hearing both the sides, may be pleased to direct opposite parties particularly to the Collector, Balasore to take appropriate steps to provide Ac.0.3 decimal Land from the government Anabadi land corresponding to Plot No.989, in exchange of the equal portion of land of the petitioner, used

from plot No. 982/3271, Hal khata No. 688/825 in Dehurda Mouza, under Bhograi Tahasil, for construction of the Panchayat Road (from Dehurda, Thana Chhak Bhograi Bus Stand front to Utpada Jagannath Temple in Bhograi Block) as per the application of the petitioner under Orissa Land Acquisition Act with cost.

AND

Further be pleased to direct the Collector, Balasore, i.e. to O.P.No.-2 to consider the application of the petitioner vide Annexure-3 within a stipulated period.

AND

Further be pleased to pass any order(s)/direction(s) which this Hon'ble Court thinks fit and proper to this case".

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that though the representation under Annexure-3 on this issue, is pending with the Collector, Balasore i.e. Opposite Party No.2 since 09.08.2024, no communication has been received from the concerned Authority and a direction may be issued to the Authority for disposal of the same.

5. Learned counsel for the State has no objection to such submission.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we dispose of the Writ Petition directing the Collector, Balasore to take a

decision on the representation filed by the Petitioner vide Annexure-3 and pass appropriate order in accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of production of a certified copy of this order. The order shall be communicated to the Petitioner by the Collector, Balasore within two weeks of taking the decision.

***(S. K. Sahoo)***
***Judge***

***(Chittaranjan Dash)***
***Judge***

*A.K. Pradhan/ Ranjeeta*

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