IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.14053 of 2025

CNR No. ODHC010352552025

Seikh Riajuddin and others …. ***Petitioners***

Mr. Gokulananda Parida, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others …. ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. Satyabrata Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

Order No. **10.11.2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. The petitioners have approached this Court by way of filing this writ petition under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India challenging the notification dated 23.10.2024 published under Section 19(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') and the notices dated 27.03.2025 issued under Section 21(1) of the Act by the Land Acquisition Officer (Civil), Collectorate, Jajpur *vide* Annexure-5 and Annexure-6 series respectively.

3. Learned counsel for the State has filed a counter affidavit stating therein that being authorized by the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur, the Land Acquisition Officer (Civil) issued notices dated 08.08.2024, some of which were duly received by certain noticees, while the others refused to accept the notice(s). He further stated that although some of the petitioners denied to have received the said notice, they were well aware regarding the date of hearing of their objections, which was fixed on 14.08.2024.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that though notices were issued to the petitioners, no opportunity of hearing was given to them.

5. Since many of the claimants including the present petitioners were not afforded opportunity of hearing by the Land Acquisition Officer (Civil) or the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur, as is evident from the records, this Court directs the petitioners to approach the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur within one week hence. Upon receipt of such representation, the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur shall fix a date for personal hearing of the petitioners on their grievances and, thereafter, pass an appropriate order in accordance with law. It is clarified that this Court has not opined on the merit of the matter.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition along with pending Interlocutory Application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(Murahari Sri Raman)
Judge

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