IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.16966 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010382792026

Amulya Prakash Panda …. ***Petitioner(s)***

Mr. Dhananjaya Mund,
Mr. P.K. Behera, A. Acharya,
P. Mishra, P. Shukla, L. Mishra, Advs.

versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. …. ***Opposite Party(s)***

Mr. Satyabrata Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER

Order No. 01. **12.11.2026**

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. By filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner has sought for a direction from this Court to the Opposite Parties for sanctioning and disbursing the compensation amount in favour of his family for acquisition of land for construction of canal under the Upper Indravati Irrigation Project as per the judgment and order dated 27.06.2012 passed by the learned Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dharmgarh in LAR Case No.64 of 2009 within a stipulated time.

3. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.

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4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has filed an application under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act for higher compensation, which was referred to the Civil Court for adjudication. The Civil Court registered it as LAR No.64 of 2009 and the same was disposed of on 27.06.2012 and the higher compensation was awarded. However, no action has yet been taken for sanctioning and disbursement of the compensation amount. He further contends that a similar Writ Petition bearing W.P.(C) No.24619 of 2026 has been disposed of on 16.09.2026 thereby directing the Opposite Party No.1 for sanctioning the amount at an early stage and also for taking expeditious steps for disbursement of the compensation amount. He also submits that the present Writ Petition may be disposed of in terms of the order passed in that Writ Petition.

5. Learned counsel for the State has also no objection to the aforesaid submission made by the learned counsel for Petitioner.

6. In view of the above, we dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to the Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, Bhubaneswar/ Opposite Party No.1 to sanction the amount at an early stage and thereafter, the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project, Kalahandi/ Oposite Party

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No.3 shall take expeditious step for disbursement of the compensation amount by end of November, 2026, if there is no other legal impediment.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per the Rules.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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