IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.30225 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010707182026

M/s. Regional Engineering & Construction, Engineers & Contractors, Jajpur, Odisha …. ***Petitioner***

Mr. J. Dash, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Ms. A. Dash, ASC

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER
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02. **1.** Heard learned counsel for the Parties.

2. The Petitioner has approached this Court seeking, inter alia, a direction to the Opposite Parties to resolve the land/site-related hindrances and make available dispute-free and unobstructed land for execution of the work, namely, "Construction of Bridge over Pandara Nallah on Haripur to Mangarajpur Road for the year 2023-24 in the District of Jajpur", awarded to the Petitioner under Agreement No. 148 PI of 2023-24. The Petitioner has also sought a direction to the competent authority to consider the revised estimate/deviation necessitated during execution of the work and to dispose of its representation dated 29.07.2026 by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a time-frame to be fixed by this Court.

3. It is further stated that, pursuant to the request of the departmental authorities, a demarcation report was submitted by the

Tahasildar vide Letter No. 3588 dated 31.10.2025. According to the Petitioner, notwithstanding the aforesaid exercise, the dispute concerning the land required for the bridge and its approaches remains unresolved. The Petitioner claims that, owing to the alleged non-availability of dispute-free land and the absence of approval for the requisite revised estimate/deviation, execution of the work has been hampered and its men and machinery have remained idle.

4. The Petitioner submitted a representation dated 29.07.2026 before the Opposite Party No. 4, i.e., the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Jajpur, seeking appropriate action for removal of the site-related hindrances and consideration of the revised estimate/deviation. However, the same has not been effectively considered.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner would be satisfied, at this stage, if the competent authority is directed to consider and dispose of the aforesaid representation within a stipulated period, in accordance with law.

6. In view of the limited prayer made, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Opposite Party No. 4, i.e., the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Jajpur, to consider and dispose of the Petitioner's representation dated 29.07.2026, along with the relevant supporting documents and the demarcation report, by passing a reasoned order, after affording the Petitioner an opportunity of hearing, preferably within six (06) weeks of receipt of the same. The authority shall also examine the issues raised therein concerning the availability of dispute-free land and the revised estimate/deviation, in accordance with the applicable contractual

terms and rules. The result thereof shall be communicated to the Petitioner within two (02) weeks thereafter.

7. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the Petitioner's claims, which shall be considered independently by the competent authority in accordance with law.

8. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid observations.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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