IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.32253 of 2026

[CNR No.ODHC010765272026]

Maduka Bhoi …. ***Petitioner(s)***

Mr. Dhananjaya Mund, Adv.

-versus-

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

Ms. Gayatri Patra, ASC

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

ORDER
20.11.2026

Order No.
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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State.

3. By filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner has sought for a direction to the Opposite Parties to sanction and disburse the compensation amount in favour of the Petitioner's family for acquisition of land for construction of canal under Upper Indravati Irrigation Project as per the judgment and order dated 09.08.2023 passed by the learned Senior Civil Judge, Dharamgarh in L.A.R. Case No.66 of 2019 within a stipulated time.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that Petitioner has filed an application under Section 18 of the L.A. Act for higher compensation, which was referred to the Civil Court for adjudication. The Civil Court registered it as L.A.R. No.66 of 2019 and same was disposed of on 09.08.2923 and higher compensation was awarded. However, no action has been taken as yet for sanction 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 directing Opposite Party No.1 to sanction the amount at an early stage and to take expeditious step 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 learned counsel for the Petitioner.

6. In view of the above, we dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to Opposite Party No.1- Secretary to Government, Department of Water Resources, Bhubaneswar to sanction the amount at an early stage and thereafter the Opposite Party No.3- the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project, Kusumkhunti, in the district of Kalahandi shall take expeditious step for disbursement of the

compensation amount by end of December, 2026, if there is no other impediment.

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

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(Murahari Sri Raman)
Judge

Madhu

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