IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.38095 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010893012026

Sabita Mohapatra .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Amit Prasad Bose, Advocate

-versus-

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

Ms. Jyoshnamayee Sahoo, Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

Order No. **20.11.2026**

01. ***1.*** This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. The petitioner has approached this Court by way of filing this writ petition under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India seeking a direction for early and time-bound disposal of L.A. Reference Case No.26/2025, pending before the learned Presiding Officer, Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority, Cuttack in which the petitioner has been arrayed as opposite party No.3.

3. It is submitted by learned Advocate for the petitioner that the Land Acquisition Officer-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Puri referred the matter to the Authority under Section 77 read with Section 64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR Act, 2013) on account of a dispute concerning the entitlement to receive the compensation awarded in respect of the acquired land. Accordingly, a Reference Case No.26/2025 was instituted and notice dated 23.04.2025 was issued to the petitioner directing her to appear and substantiate her claim.

3.1. It is further contended that the proceedings have remained pending for a considerable period, despite the petitioner already entered appearance and filed her show cause. The pendency of the reference proceeding is causing serious prejudice to the petitioner, as her legitimate claim concerning the compensation payable in respect of the acquired land has not been decided till date.

4. Though this Court does not entertain this kind of petition for seeking direction to the learned Court below for early disposal of the case, however, considering the limited

grievance of the petitioner, the Presiding Officer, Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority, Cuttack is directed to conclude and dispose of L.A. Reference Case No.26/2025, pending before it, as early as possible, preferably, within a period of three months from the date of production of a copy of this order.

5. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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