



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.1713 OF 2026

Srinibash Palta and others ***Petitioners***

Mr. Rabindra Nath Debata, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and another ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Bibekananda Nayak,

Additional Government Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

29.06.2026

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03. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate submits that in spite of repeated communications to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Bolangir, he is not responding to impart instruction in the matter.
3. This Court vide order dated 2nd February, 2026 and 23rd March, 2026 directed learned State Counsel to take instruction with regard to the status of the application filed by the Petitioner under Section 28-A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for brevity 'the Act').
4. In view of the submission made by Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate, this Court feels that the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Bolangir should appear in person and assist the Court for final disposal of the writ petition.
5. Hence, it is directed that the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Bolangir shall appear in person on 29th July, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. to apprise the Court about



the status of the application filed by the Petitioners under Section 28-A of the Act.

6. Learned Registrar (Judicial) is directed to communicate this order to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Bolangir-Opposite Party No.2 forthwith for compliance.

7. Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate shall also communicate this order to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Bolangir.

8. Put up this matter on 29th July, 2026.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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