



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.1713 of 2026

CNR No. ODHCO10009042026

Srinibash Palta and others

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Rabindra Nath Debata, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and another

....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv._
Mr. Satyabrata Mohanty, Additional Govt. Advocate

CORAM:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN**

ORDER

29.07.2026

(Hybrid mode)

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04. **1.** Pursuant to order dated 29.06.2026, Mr. Sushil Kumar Kuanr, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Balangir is present in Court today.
- 1.1.** While tendering unconditional apology, he sought for eight weeks accommodation to dispose of the representation dated 06.09.2025 *vide* Annexure-9. It is submitted that the petitioners are the land losers on account of Harihara Jore Irrigation Project in the district of Sonepur. By a Judgment dated 28.11.2013, the learned Civil Judge (Senior Division), Sambalpur in L.A. Case No.134 of 1988 enhanced the



compensation for the acquired lands. Due to certain dislocation in the office as the project is now dealt with in the Balangir District, the application under Section 28A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 could not be attended to by the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Division, Balangir.

- 2.** Sri Satyabrata Mohanty, learned Additional Government Advocate would submit on instruction that if some time is granted, the Special Land Acquisition Officer would be in a position to dispose of the matter. With such submission, he sought to file counter affidavit dated 28.07.2026 serving a copy thereof on the counsel for the petitioner.
- 3.** Considering the nature of the matter and the time requisite as prayed for by the officer concerned, we grant six weeks' time to dispose of the representation dated 06.09.2025 filed by the petitioners *vide* Annexure-9.
- 4.** List this matter in the week commencing 21st September, 2026, on which date, learned Additional Government Advocate shall apprise this Court with respect to the progress made in this regard.
- 5.** Personal appearance of Mr. Sushil Kumar Kuanr, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Balangir is dispensed with.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(M.S. Raman)
Judge