

**Registrar(Judicial)  
Orissa High Court**

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**Petitioner**

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**State of Orissa**

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**Opp. Parties**

02. 20.01.2020

This is a suo motu writ petition in the form of PIL.

Taking into account newspaper report relating to a lot of inconvenience faced by the public in general in the Millennium City of Cuttack and mainly the pedestrians while moving in the roads/lanes/bylanes on account of pitiable condition of the road inside the city and also snapping up electric cables and telephone cables, damaging of the underground drinking water pipes at many places and thereby hampering the supply of potable water, on account of the drainage and sewerage projects of Cuttack City undertaken by a Japanese governmental agency i.e. Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) since more than seven years and in spite of the assurance given by the JICA authorities from time to time to the State Administration to complete the project work at an earliest, there is no such visible progress, registry is directed to issue notice to the

(1) State Government through Secretary, Works

Department (2) Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation (3) Chief Engineer, Orissa Water Supply and Sewerage Board (OWSSB), Cuttack (4) Project Director, JICA, Cuttack (5) Superintending Engineer, Roads & Building Circle, Cuttack.

Copy of the draft report prepared by the Registrar General of this Court be served on the learned Government Advocate on behalf of opposite parties nos. 1, 3 and 5 during the course of the day who shall obtain instruction from the said opposite parties and file response.

Let a special messenger notice be sent to opposite parties nos. 2 and 4 asking them to file their show cause affidavit by the next date indicating specifically as to in which wards/areas of the Cuttack City, the project work has already been completed, where it is partly completed and what time it will take to complete the work in those specific areas and in which wards/areas, work has not commenced at all. The affidavit has to further indicate what precautionary measures the authorities have taken for smooth passage of the pedestrian on the road where the works are in progress as well as for preventing any kind of

accident at the construction site. The State Counsel shall obtain instruction as to whether the JICA authorities have given any undertaking before the Government to complete the project work within stipulated period and what is deadline set for the works undertaken by JICA and how many accidents cases have been reported in connection with such project work.

List this matter on 03.02.2020.

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**S. Panda**  
**Acting Chief Justice**

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**S. K. Sahoo, J.**