



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

SUO MOTU W.P.(C) PIL No.2140 of 2020

**Registrar (Judicial),
Orissa High Court, Cuttack Petitioner**

*Er. N.K. Mohanty
Amicus Curiae*

*Mr. Bijay Kumar Dash
Amicus Curiae*

-versus-

State of Odisha & others Opp. Parties

*Mr. Manoj Kumar Mishra
Senior Advocate
President, OHCBA*

*Mr. Avijit Pattnaik
Advocate
Secretary, OHCBA*

*Mr. Debasis Nayak-A
Addl. Govt. Advocate &
Advocate for C.M.C.*

*Mr. Partha Sarathi Nayak
Addl. Govt. Advocate*

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

JUSTICE V. NARASINGH



ORDER
25.07.2025

This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

ISSUE & PROBLEMS OF S.C.B. MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL

Order No.
276.
25.07.2025

(i) A news item has been published in Odia daily "The Samaja" on 23.07.2025 under the caption of "**CUTTACK BADA DAKTARAKHANA : ROGI SAMPARKIYANKU MILUNI MOULIKA SUBIDHA**" (Basic facilities not made available to the relatives of patients in SCBMCH, Cuttack), wherein it is stated that the SCBMCH, Cuttack lacks adequate facilities for the attendants of the patients. Of the five existing rest shelters inside the hospital campus, none are sufficient to accommodate the increasing numbers of attendants of the patients and over 80% of them are forced to stay under the tree or on the road side cement floor in the night and exposed to harsh weather conditions round the year. The news item further highlights that there are vacancies of doctors in different departments which is creating problem in the treatment of the patients and the existing staff are not performing their duties properly. The patients' attendants are also facing security issues and incidents of theft of their



valuables so also harassment and extortion by anti-social elements and brokers inside the hospital campus have become a regular feature. The women attendants, in particular, are facing a lot of problems relating to their safety and support while staying in the hospital in the night. It further highlights that though the Govt. is continuing to invest huge amount in improving medical infrastructure, but it has overlooked the basic needs of safety and comfort of the attendants and the companions of the patients.

Prof. Dr. Goutam Satapathy, Superintendent, SCBMCH, Cuttack, who is present online has submitted in writing that in SCBMCH, Cuttack, there are total 37 nos. of departments and out of which, 22 nos. are clinical departments and only 9 have got the rest room facilities and there is space constraint for opening up rest room for the rest of the clinical departments.

When a query was made to Prof. Dr. Satapathy as to if any steps have been taken to check that apart from the attendants, nobody else enters the rest room, his answer was in negative. However, he has assured this Court that henceforth, mechanism would be chalked out to see that only the patients' attendants would enter the rest room and adequate measures shall be taken to deploy security



personnel and CCTV cameras shall be installed in the rest room for such purpose.

Let an affidavit be filed by the Superintendent, SCBMCH, Cuttack on the following issues:-

(i) How many posts of doctors are lying vacant and in which department (s)?

(ii) How the duty hours of the doctors and staffs are being regulated?

(iii) What type of actions are being taken against the doctors and staffs who are found neglecting their duties and not remaining present in the hospital in the duty hours?

(iv) What are the facilities available in each of the departments for the attendants?

(v) What type of safety measures are being taken for the attendants of the patient(s) who remain with them, particularly in the night hours?

List this matter on 07.08.2025.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge



(ii) Another news item has been published in Odia daily "The Samaja" on 23.07.2025 under the caption of "**SCB RE MAHAPRAYANA GADI ACHALA**" wherein it is stated that the Odisha Govt. launched the Mahaprayan Scheme to help economically weaker sections of people by providing low-cost transportation of the dead bodies of the patients from Govt. Hospitals. The scheme envisages carrying the dead with dignity from hospitals free of cost. In SCBMCH, Cuttack, two nos. of Mahaprayana vehicles, operated by the Red Cross are largely non-functional. One has been damaged in an accident and other has remained abandoned, leaving families of the deceased to rely upon the private vehicles, who are charging exorbitant prices. Even sometimes, bodies are being carried in trolleys and even bicycles, due to lack of Mahaprayana vehicles. Despite initial promise of the scheme, its implementation has collapsed in Cuttack raising serious concerns about its effectiveness and future.

Prof. Dr. Goutam Satapathy, Superintendent, SCBMCH, Cuttack, who is present online has filed a report dated 25.07.2025 wherein it is mentioned that the SCBMCH, Cuttack has been provided with two nos. of vehicle (dead body carrier) bearing registration no. OD-05-BQ-5733 and OD-05-



BQ-5747 by the Collector & District Magistrate, Cuttack under the Mahaprayana Scheme with the aim to assist the families of the deceased in carrying out the last rites within the state.

The 1st vehicle bearing registration no.OD-05-BQ-5733 met with an accident on 29.11.2024 and got damaged. To put the vehicle in running condition, the authorised service centre was approached for estimation of the repair of the vehicle. To this effect, the authorized service centre furnished estimation cost for repair of the vehicle on 30.12.2024. Thereafter, the M.V.I., Cuttack certified the estimate cost for further process. After obtaining approved estimate cost, the District Emergency Officer, Collectorate, Cuttack was requested vide letter No.1031 Dtd.17.01.2025 for placement of fund for early repair of the vehicle and to put the vehicle to its operation. Accordingly, the Govt. in GA & PG, Department, Odisha was moved for sanction of the required fund out of Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF). Meanwhile, the said fund has been allocated and the 1st vehicle is under necessary repair with the service centre and is likely to be put into running condition by 28th of July, 2025 for the designated service.



The 2nd vehicle bearing registration no. OD-05-BQ-5747 has been utilized for the service until 16.07.2025 when it required replacement of 4 nos. of tyre and battery as it had covered average distance of 1,10,000 km. In this connection, the District Emergency Officer, Collectorate, Cuttack was moved vide letter No.15854 Dtd. 11.07.2025 for early replacement of all 4 tyres and battery in consultation with the R.T.O., Cuttack for smooth management of Mahaprayana Scheme. Meanwhile, the replacement of tyres and battery has been done and the vehicle is available to provide the services to the needy.

Such instruction is taken on record.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

(iii) Another news item has been published in Odia daily "The Sambad" on 22.07.2025 under the caption of "**BADA DAKTARAKHANARU DUI WARD ATTENDANT GIRAF; GHAROI DAKTARAKHANAKU PATHAUTHILE – DALALNKA SUCHANA DEBAKU TINI SWATANTRA NUMBER JARI**" wherein it is stated that two more brokers



have been caught from SCBMCH, Cuttack. The Mangalbag police have arrested two employees working as ward attendants. Now, the office of DCP, Cuttack has issued three special numbers to provide information about 'dalals' or touts in SCBMCH, Cuttack. It has been said that any common person who gets information about such 'dalals' in the Hospital can give information to the police. The two dalals arrested were sending patients to specific private hospitals and diagnostic centers to provide better medical services. Ambulance drivers working in the hospital are working as middlemen in taking the patients to private hospitals and ward attendants are also receiving commission from the ambulance drivers for each patient. Similarly, the ambulance drivers are also receiving commission from specific private hospitals.

Prof. Dr. Goutam Satapathy, the Superintendent, SCBMCH, Cuttack, who is present online has filed the report dated 25.07.2025 wherein it is mentioned that with the assistance of local police, legal action as deemed proper is being taken against the dalals (middlemen), who are diverting the poor ignorant patients to different private nursing homes.



The practice of diverting patients to private hospitals for financial gain by misleading them as well as their attendants, falsely promising better treatment facilities in private hospitals and charging them for their services is not only illegal but has to be completely eliminated from the campus of SCBMCH, Cuttack. This practice not only exploits patients who are often seeking affordable health care especially at a Govt. hospital like SCBMCH but also undermines faith in the public health care system.

It is expected that the DCP shall pass necessary instruction to the police to regularly monitor this issue, increase surveillance to identify and prevent such activities. District Administration shall take steps to create public awareness in educating the patients and their families about the dangers of engaging such middlemen/touts.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

(iv) Another news item has been published in Odia daily "The Samaja" on 24.07.2025 under the caption of "**CUTTACK BADA DAKTARAKHANA : NIRAMAYARE MILUNI**"



JARURI OUSHADHA, BADHUCHI ASANTOSH"

(Essential medicines are not available in Niramaya Centre causing dissatisfaction), wherein it is stated that the Niramaya Scheme, is a free medicine distribution programme which is aimed at providing essential medications to patients in Govt. hospitals, however, in the Niramaya Centre of SCBMCH, Cuttack, most of the essential medicines are not being made available for which the patients are constrained to purchase the same from outside after waiting for hours together under sun and rain. Most of the doctors are prescribing medicines in plain papers of some outside companies which are not available in Niramaya Centre and in some cases, the patients are being compelled to purchase the same spending huge amount and in other cases, they are unable to do so because of their financial conditions.

Prof. Dr. Goutam Satapathy, the Superintendent, SCBMCH, Cuttack, who is present online has filed a report dated 25.07.2025 wherein it is stated that the State Government has introduced a flagship programme which provides free drugs to the patients who are visiting the hospitals and the same has been implemented since 1st May 2015. At present, 329 numbers of drugs / medicines are provided free of cost to patients with setting up of 6



numbers of Drug Distribution Counters (Niramaya Counters) at SCBMCH, Cuttack & two more are in pipe line, one at Surgery OPD, another at orthopedic OPD through Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited. The medicines which are readily not available from OSMC, Odisha are being procured from empanelled medicine shops under Local Purchase and Bulk Purchase Scheme and provided to the indoor patients. However, due to heavy demand, some medicines may have been briefly out of stock and the same is replenished at the earliest. It is further mentioned that the Govt. has initiated redevelopment project of SCBMCH, Cuttack to provide benefits to patients in terms of ease of access to various medical services. Modern facilities, such as fully automated and integrated drug distribution along with other facilities to patients through computerized bar coded pneumatic systems etc. are also envisaged, under the plan.

Prof. Dr. Satapathy has assured this Court to place digital boards in each Niramaya Centre in SCBMCH, Cuttack as to what are the medicines available alphabetically and if stock are not available for any medicines, the same shall also be reflected in such boards so that the patients need not wait in queue for hours together. The doctors must



prescribe generic medicines in the hospital medicine writing pads and not in plain papers.

List this matter on 04.09.2025.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

ISSUES & PROBLEMS OF CITY HOSPITAL

277.
25.07.2025

A news item has been published in Odia daily "The Sambad" on 23.07.2025 under the caption of "**CITY HOSPITAL RE BICHITRA STITHI – ROGI DEKHIBAKU OUTDOOR RE DAKTARA NAKEDAM**" wherein it stated that the construction of the special MCH (Matru Mangal Gruha) building, which was decided to be opened in the year 2020 has not even been completed halfway. The R & B Department has failed to meet the deadline set for completion of this building and it is told that it would be completed by next year. Various important departments were functioning at the place where the new building is being constructed and all those departments are now being shifted to the old building, as a result of which, there is a huge space constraints in the old building. The Doctors are facing lot of problems to see the patients in the outdoor. Despite a sanctioned budget



of Rs.25.84 crores, the project handled by R & B Division-1 has been delayed primarily due to non-relocation of an electricity sub-station by TPCODL. Only six months ago, the construction work began, displacing critical departments like radiology, TB and dental to the hospital's aging old building. It is further stated that due to delay in construction, both doctors and patients are facing serious difficulties. Overcrowding has worsened with limited outdoor space for consultations and no rest room for PG students or doctors are available. Even casualty and other wards are insufficiently equipped.

Md. Shahbaz, Superintending Engineer, R & B Division-1 who is present in Court and Mr. Amarjit Pattanaik, Superintending Engineer, TPCODL appearing through virtual mode shall make a joint inspection on 26.07.2025 at 11.00 a.m. and to ensure that whatever issues are there regarding shifting of electricity sub-station are addressed so that there would not be any hindrance in the progress of construction work of special MCH (Matru Mangal Gruha).

We have been told that the building of MCH (Matru Mangal Gruha) is a six-storied building project which was supposed to be completed by 2020. But unfortunately, the progress of the work is



very dismal. Md. Shahbaz, Superintending Engineer, R & B Division-1 states that he is reasonably confident of completion of the project by the end of June, 2026.

An affidavit to that effect indicating the progress made and the timeline for finishing each stage of the project be filed by the Superintending Engineer, R & B Division-1 by next date. The said affidavit shall also contain steps taken pursuant to the joint inspection of R & B and TPCODL.

The Advocates' Committee is also requested to visit the City Hospital with previous intimation to the Superintendent through the Nodal Officer of this Court and suggest measures in writing to address the issue of constraint of space in OPD and they shall also explore the possibility of suggesting alternative arrangement within the close vicinity.

List this matter on 07.08.2025. The S.E., TPCODL shall remain present on the said date in person/virtually.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge



WATER LOGGING PROBLEMS IN CUTTACK CITY

278.
25.07.2025

As per the order no.258 dated 03.07.2025, Smt. Usha Padhee, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department appearing through virtual mode presented the short term and long term measures taken by the Govt. in addressing this issue. She fairly stated that since four hundred and odd kilometers of drainage works are to be carried out in Cuttack City, it is a daunting task for the Govt. She highlighted about the placement of pump sets at different locations of Cuttack City, how rapid teams have been prepared and 24x7 emergency control rooms are being operated. She has assured that the Govt. will definitely address the issue of cleaning of the drains properly on priority basis where it has not been done. She further assured that if there is any "technical issue" for which drain water is not passing smoothly to Matgajpur plant, the same shall be sorted out.

Mr. Amarjit Singh, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Works Department, Mr. Dattatraya Bhausahab Shinde, I.A.S., Collector, Cuttack, Mr. Arindam Dakua, I.A.S., Director, Municipal Administration, Ms. Kirandeep Kaur Sahota, I.A.S., CMC Commissioner, Mr. Satyabrata Behera,



Engineer-in-Chief, R & B Department, Mr. Debabrata Mohanty, Managing Director, WATCO, Mr. Chandrasekhar Padhy, Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Mr. Amarjit Pattnaik, Superintending Engineer, TPCODL, Mr. Ankit Verma, Senior Divisional Engineer, East Coast Railways and Mr. Atanu Kumar Samanta, City Engineer, CMC are present through virtual mode. Md. Shahbaz, Superintending Engineer, R & B Division No.1 and Mr. Naragopal Reddy, DGM, GAIL are present in person and they also apprise this Court about the water logging problem and road repairing issues.

On 10.07.2025, Er. N.K. Mohanty, learned Amicus Curiae has filed a detailed report on the issue of water logging problem in Cuttack City wherein it is stated that all the drain water and sewerage discharge of toilets of Cuttack Town are to be discharged to the River Kathajodi after being treated by the 2 nos. Sewerage Treatment Plant Situated in C.D.A. Sector-1 and at Matagajpur. Total sewerage line comes to 362 KM which were constructed by JICA and completed. All the houses of Cuttack town are yet to be connected to the sewerage line. It is further stated that about 18,000 to 20,000 house connections are completed by WATCO and rest to be connected. If all the houses are connected to



sewerage line, the flow of water to drains will be reduced considerably. It is further stated that apart from drain sewerage discharge to the drains, other water and all waste materials are being dumped in the drains, as a result of which the water in all drains are not flowing smoothly and drains are also not properly cleaned by C.M.C. authorities. It is further stated that there are 428.846 KM of different size of drains in the Cuttack town, out of which only 22.546 KM had been constructed by JICA/WATCO and these drains were handed over to C.M.C. for maintenance vide order no.11670 dated 22.05.2024 of the Govt. of Odisha, H & UD Department. It is further stated that there are five drains which are yet to be constructed by C.M.C. and to be connected to the box drains constructed by C.M.C. The administrative approval is pending with the Housing and Urban Development Department, Govt. of Odisha. It is further stated that after construction of Box-Drain of 2590 meters and Open Drain of 810 meters, the water logging problem has not been solved to the extent it was planned earlier as there are 45 drains connected to the above box drain and main drain. In end of each open drain, it is provided with "JALLY" by WATCO through which only water will flow, but unfortunately these JALLIES are broken or taken



away from all drains and water are being drained to box drain and open drain with lot of debris. These drains are not cleaned as a result of which flow of water is restricted. It is further stated that the water passing through box-drain and open-drain are not properly discharged *due to non-construction of drain of 1300 meters from Matrubhavan to Khannagar and water is not passing through the 5.5 KM open drain from Matrubhavan to Matagajpur Channel as at Railway bridge site, the open drain is closed and no Box Pushing Drain has been constructed yet by RAILWAYS.* WATCO has deposited Rs.15,66,57,969/- .The CEO, WATCO and A.D.M., Cuttack had requested the DRM Eastern Railways vide their letters dated 21.05.2024 and 05.03.2025 respectively, but no action has been taken by DRM, Khurda. In this work for Pushing Box-Drain, it is required 15 meter sheet piling. If these 15 meter sheet piling is not available with railway, WATCO had also agreed to bear the expenditure for procurement of the same. It is further stated in the report that if pushing box drain and main 5 nos. of drains are constructed and all the drains are connected to the Main Drain I & II and 5 nos. of pumping stations would function properly, it is expected that 70% to 80% water logging problem will be solved in the



Cuttack City.

The President of the High Court Bar Association has given some suggestions in writing for speedy clearance of rain water during monsoon season. It is stated that C.M.C./WATCO has deposited Rs.15 crores during the year 2016 for construction of a box pushing culvert (BPC) under railway tracks for connecting main storm water canal (MSWC) under box drain with the newly constructed drain from railway tracks to Matagajpur covering an area/distance of 5 kms. Only two months' time is required to push the BPC using machines under the railway tracks. It is suggested that high power pumps are required to be installed where the box drain ends on MSWC to discharge rain water to Taladanda Canal at the time of heavy rain and at the time of high flood in Kathajodi.

The learned counsel for the C.M.C., Mr. Debasis Nayak has submitted in writing the short term measures taken to mitigate water logging in entire C.M.C. area which is taken on record wherein it is stated as follows:-

"1. Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) initiated the drain cleaning activities well before the onset of the monsoon, starting from May 2025. The initial



phase was undertaken by the Sanitation Section, and subsequently, the remaining drains were thoroughly cleaned by the Engineering Section.

2. Floating materials are being removed from the drains regularly, with cleaning operations also being carried out three to four times a day by the sanitation agencies.

3. Based on the previous years' experience the number of pumps have been increased from 280 to 310 pumps for de-watering from the low-lying areas. Out of 310 pumps available with Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC), 294 pumps have already been strategically installed in low-lying areas/vulnerable areas. All pumps are under the supervision of the Mechanical section led by the Assistant Engineer (Mechanical), CMC. The list of location of the installed pumps is attached in Annexure-I.

4. All pumps are operated by designated Pump Operators under the supervision of the concerned ward Work



Sarkars, who remain physically present in the field and are actively engaged in overseeing operations. The timely operation and monitoring of pumps is the responsibility of the respective Junior Engineer (JE) or Assistant Engineer (AE) under the supervision of Senior Officers who are designated as Sector Officers.

5. In addition to the installed pumps and deployed operators, Cuttack Municipal Corporation has kept a reserve of additional pumps, along with standby operators, to be mobilized as and when required in case of emergency or additional demand.

6. CMC has also engaged five pump mechanics who are exclusively assigned for repairing of pumps during breakdown as soon as possible.

7. A comprehensive micro-plan has been developed by CMC and is now on active mode. CMC jurisdiction is divided into 14 sectors, in which a senior officer has been declared as a Sector Officer. Sector-wise teams include Sanitary



Inspectors, Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers, Community Organisers, and Ward Officers under Sector Officer, who are further supervised by the Joint Commissioner, CMC. These teams are responsible for real-time coordination, field monitoring, and resolving site-level drainage and waterlogging issues. Emergency shelter homes have been identified in vulnerable locations. The list of Sector Officers along with the Microplan is attached in Annexure-II.

8. The Emergency Control Room of CMC has been activated 24x7 with three staff per shift deployed on a roster basis. The control room serves as the centre for receiving complaints, and sending the complaints to the proper quarters for resolving the issue.

9. Six Rapid Response Teams have been constituted for quick response in case of heavy rainfall, pump failure, or major waterlogging. Each team is equipped with vehicle support and mechanical tools. The teams work in three shifts with two teams in each shift. The overall



command and coordination of the teams lies with the Deputy Commissioner (Sanitation), CMC.

10. Following the construction of the box drain by WATCO, there has been a significant reduction in both the extent of waterlogging and the water retention time in the affected areas. Moreover, after the box drain and other open drains were handed over to Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC), regular maintenance activities have been undertaken. The box drain is cleaned using super sucker machine, while the open drains are cleaned through mechanical means to ensure uninterrupted flow and prevent blockages.

11. Apart from the activities regular removal of floating materials from drains, cleaning of silt is also being taken up the Sanitation Section on regular basis. They are also actively engaged in bush cutting and trimming activities to ensure unobstructed water flow and maintain cleanliness in the



surroundings. All the activities are overall supervised by the DC Sanitation, City Engineer and Commissioner.

12. The waterlogging situation has significantly reduced due to proper steps taken this year by Cuttack Municipal Corporation in comparison to previous years.”

The learned counsel for the C.M.C., Mr. Debasis Nayak has also submitted the long term measures to mitigate water logging problem in entire C.M.C. area which is taken on record wherein it is stated as follows:-

“For addressing waterlogging in Cuttack, a holistic approach is required that combines infrastructure upgrades, sustainable urban planning, and community engagement. By implementing a comprehensive drainage master plan, restoring natural water bodies and adopting climate resilient practices, Cuttack can mitigate waterlogging issues and enhance its resilience to future challenges. Collaboration among government, citizens and experts backed by adequate funding and



monitoring, will ensure the long-term success of these efforts, transforming Cuttack into a flood-resilient, sustainable city.

Keeping in view the above aspects Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has engaged an agency namely, M/s Visiontek Consultancy Private Limited., following due official procedure for preparation of Comprehensive Drainage Master Plan and suggest other remedial measures to address urban flooding situation. The broader scope of agency includes to undertake detailed DGPS survey, drone survey, collect and study of rainfall data and hydrology of last 30 years. It shall also include determination of water sheds and drainage patterns of the study area and its surrounding with the aid of existing maps with contour lines and mapping of entire project area. The preparation of map of drainage network system of the city including both the existing and proposed drainage system which shall include all the SD, MSD, BSWC and MSWC.



1. The Comprehensive Drainage Master Plan will be for the entire city of Cuttack, covering all wards within the CMC jurisdiction. The assigned agency will submit the Detailed Drainage master Plan for the entire Cuttack city to CMC by December 2025. Upon its completion, CMC will start the execution of the construction of drain based on the availability of internal funds or shall approach the Government for placement of the required financial resources.

2. As per the direction of the Government, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of five major storm water drains has been submitted to the Housing & Urban Development (H&UD) Department for technical sanction and administrative approval, vide letter no. 12733 dated 21.08.2024. In response to the submitted DPR, the department sought additional compliance, which was duly submitted by Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) vide letter no. 12310 dated 30.05.2025.



Subsequently, as per earlier instruction of the government, CMC issued a work order to M/s Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. Following due procedure, for engagement as the Project Management Consultancy (PMC). PMC is responsible for monitoring and supervising the entire execution of the project to ensure timely completion, adherence to quality standards, and full compliance with the DPR. The broader scope of work of the PMC includes the following:

1. Pre-Construction Phase:

- a. Confirmatory Survey and Planning.
- b. Review of DPR prepared by CMC
- c. Assessment of requisite permissions
- d. Preparation of bid Document
- e. Evaluation of Bid and award of Contract

2. Construction Phase:

- a. Construction supervision including implementation of HSE
- b. Project quality assurance/quality



control.

c. Health Safety and Environment Requirements

d. Process of Running Account Bill

e. Contract Management

f. Progress of Works

g. Project completion, testing, trial running and commissioning

h. Closure of Project

3. Additional Scope of work:

a. Detailed study of the project area and discharge calculation.

b. Detailed topographical survey.

c. Geotechnical Investigation.

d. Detail Design.

e. Preparation of Estimate.

f. Vetting the design from any Government Engineering College/IIT.

g. Assistance in documentation and technical presentation for getting administrative approval.

In view of the above scope of work Visiontek submitted the DPR to Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla, on behalf of CMC, for the vetting of hydrology, design and



estimation for construction of five major storm water drains in Cuttack city.

As of now, the DPR for one drain has been vetted and submitted to CMC, while the vetting of the remaining four DPRs is expected to be completed and submitted to CMC by 25th July 2025. Upon receipt of all five vetted DPRs, CMC shall resubmit them to the H&UD Department for necessary technical sanction, according administrative approval and placement of funds. On receipt of the same, CMC shall immediately float tender for execution of the said project.

3. It is learnt from WATCO that they have deposited Rs. 15.45 Cr with the Railway authorities for construction of Box pushing culvert at Matru Bhavan under Railway crossing for free flow of water up to Matagajapur, Cuttack. The said pushing culvert is yet to be constructed by the Railway authorities. On completion of the said work, the storm water disposal will be faster, thereby decreasing the water retention



time in the catchment area.”

So far as Matrubhaban to Matgajapur drainage line is concerned, Mr. Amarjeet Patnaik, Engineer, TPCODL, Mr. Achuta Bijayananda Behera, General Manager, Drainage, WATCO, Mr. Ankit Verma, Sr. Divisional Engineer, East Coast Railway, Khurda Road along with the members of the Advocates’ Committee and Er. N.K. Mohanty and Mr. B.K. Dash learned Amicus Curiae shall conduct a joint visit of the drainage work near Matrubhaban Site on 27.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. and submit a report as to how the 11K.V. underground cable can be relocated so that the drainage work can progress unhindered.

The report in this regard be submitted by 04.08.2025.

List this matter on 07.08.2025.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

**DAMAGE OF ROADS DURING WORKS EXECUTED
BY UTILITY SERVICES**

279.
25.07.2025

While dealing with the issue of damage to roads because of lack of coordination amongst the



executive agencies, attention of this Court was drawn to the affidavit filed by the CMC dated 23.06.2021 at flag 29. For convenience of reference clause c, d and e of the said affidavit are extracted hereunder;

"c. Joint meeting should be conducted twice i.e 1st & 15th in every month comprising officials of R & B, JICA, PHD,CMC & TPCODL etc. to accord permission for road cutting to various utility service organisation. All utility service organisations will apply for road cutting permission to the original department in proper format & permission will be granted on 1st & 15th of every month after detail discussion in the joint meeting & field visit. Planning for permission for road cutting for all utility service works will be made in one time in the joint meeting. Secretary, CMC will issue road cutting permission based on field visit & joint meeting report.

d. Executive Engineer, Cuttack R & B Division-I will prepare the format for road cutting permission & place before the committee for approval.



e. All utility service organisations such as JICA, PHD, GAIL, OPTCL, BSNL etc. should furnish the repair schedule of road ward wise to the original department every month & execute the restoration work as per PWD specification in consultation with original department in schedule time. After completion of restoration work, the utility service organisations will submit the completion report to original department for taking further course of action.”

List this matter on 11.07.2025, on which date affidavit filed regarding the steps taken in this regard by CMC shall be considered.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

**GRIEVANCES OF RESIDENTS OF MERIA BAZAR-
WARD NO.22 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A
VENDING ZONE (I.A. NO.11619 OF 2025)**

280.
25.07.2025

Regarding the grievances of residents of Meria Bazar-Ward No.22, this Court directed for a



joint inspection to be conducted by team comprising of City Engineer and learned Advocate representing their area along with the Mr. B.N. Udgata, learned counsel.

Learned counsel for the CMC has placed on record the inspection report, which is taken on record. A copy thereof be provided to the learned counsel instructing the learned Senior Counsel Mr. Kanungo representing the residents of Meria Bazar.

Learned counsel representing the Advocates' Committee also concurs with the report submitted by the City Engineer.

Learned Senior Counsel Mr. Kanungo seeks a short adjournment to respond to the said report.

Accordingly, list this matter on 07.08.2025.

The response, if any, to the said report shall be placed on record by 01.08.2025, after serving a copy thereof to the learned counsel representing the CMC.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(V. Narasingh)
Judge