



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 2495 OF 2025

Murali Mohan Mallik

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Petitioner

Mr. Manoj Kumar Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. Sabita Ranjan Pattnaik,
Additional Government Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

14.08.2025

Order No.

6. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The matter was listed on 20th February, 2025 on which date, learned State Counsel was granted time to take instruction in the matter. Again, the matter was listed on 26th March, 2025. Considering the written instruction of the Tahasildar, Raghunathpur received by the learned State Counsel, this Court directed that the affidavit of the Land Acquisition Officer, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur indicating the status of payment of compensation in favour of the beneficiary late Dhobei Mallik and status of D-Reservation Case No.3 of 2019 should be filed. Thereafter, the matter was listed on 15th April, 2025, learned State Counsel sought for adjournment to file affidavit in terms of order dated 26th March, 2025. Thereafter, the matter was listed on 23rd June, 2025, this Court taking into consideration the communication on the part of the Land Acquisition Officer, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur, directed that if the order dated 26th March, 2025 is not complied with, this Court may take coercive



action against the Land Acquisition Officer, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur. Subsequently, the matter was listed on 14th July, 2025. Taking a lenient view, this Court granted adjournment to learned State Counsel to comply with order dated 26th March, 2025. Today, Mr. Patnaik, learned AGA placed the following written instruction.

*To
The Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack*

Sub: Regarding compliance of the order dated 26.03.2025, 23.06.2025 & 14.07.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha, Cuttack in W.P. (C) No.2495/2025.

*Ref: Your Good office Letter No.31967 dated 17.07.2025.
This Office Letter No. 12935/LA(CIVIL)dated 11.07.2025.*

Sir,

With reference to the letter on the subject cited above, it is humbly submitted that the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha on 26.03.2025 has passed the following order "Let an affidavit be filed by Land Acquisition Officer, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur regarding the status of payment of compensation in favour of the beneficiary Late Dhobei Mallik. Learned counsel for the state shall also obtain instruction about the status of De-Reservation Case No.03/2019"

I beg to submit that, in response to this Office Letter No.12857/LA(CIVIL) dated 10.07.2025 (Annexure-1), Deputy Collector, Revenue, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur has informed vide Letter No.12915/Rev Dt.11.07.2025 that the De-reservation case No.03/2019 is currently pending before the Tahasildar, Raghunathpur for necessary compliance due to number of observations raised for disposal of the case (Annexure-2). A reminder had also been issued to Deputy Collector, Revenue regarding compliance to this office Letter No. 14876/LA(CIVIL) dated 07.08.2025 (Annexure-3). In response to the above Deputy Collector, Revenue stated vide Letter No.14992/Rev Dated 08.08.2025 (Annexure-4) that, the de-reservation case record bearing no.03/2019 had been returned to the Tahasildar, Raghunathpur but till date it has not been re-submitted the case record after necessary compliance. And she has also requested further time for scrutiny & disposal of the de-reservation case.



Deputy Collector, Record Room, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur has been intimated vide Letter No.13651 dtd 23.07.2025 (Annexure-5) to trace out the records on an urgent basis with regard to status of payment of compensation in favour of the beneficiary Late Dhobei Mallik.

It is further submitted that a reminder dated 18.07.2025 & 02.08.2025 (Annexure-6) & (Annexure-7) of the undersigned has been issued to the Land Acquisition Officer, Collectorate, Cuttack to supply the document regarding payment details for acquisition of land in village-Tarapur in connection with the improvement of Cuttack-Paradip Road. In her Letter LAO, Cuttack has informed about non-availability of payment details in her office & she has also intimated that a team has been formed in her office to trace out the necessary documents (Annexure-3). In this connection telephonic conversation was made to LAO, Cuttack & as per LAO, Cuttack, all the documents may be available at Record Room, Cuttack. So in this regard OIC, Record Room, Cuttack has been intimated to supply the documents related to payment details of the said case vide this office Letter No.15002/LA(CIVIL) Dt.08.08.2025 (Annexure-9). Still no response has been received by this office.

Since the undersigned has not received any relevant documents as mentioned above from the Deputy Collector, Revenue, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur, Deputy Collector, Record Room, Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur & Officer-in-Charge, District Record Room, Cuttack, the Affidavit could not be filed by the undersigned before the Hon'ble High Court as per the order dated 14.07.2025 for which I pray your good office to seek an adjournment before the Hon'ble High Court seeking Eight(8) weeks further time for filing an affidavit regarding the status of payment of compensation in favour of the beneficiary Late Dhobei Mallik.

Yours Faithfully

Sd/-(illegible)

*Land Acquisition Officer (Civil)
Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur
LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER (CIVIL)
COLLECTORATE JAGATSINGHPUR"*

3. In view of the above, this Court feels that the Collector, Jagatsinghpur should file an affidavit in terms of order dated 26th March, 2025 more particularly in view of casual approach of the

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Land Acquisition Officer (Civil) and Deputy Collector,
Collectorate, Jagatsinghpur.

4. Let such affidavit be filed within a period of three weeks hence serving copy thereof on Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the Petitioner.

5. Put up this matter on 15th September, 2025 along with affidavit, if any filed by the Collector, Jagatsinghpur.

6. Registrar (Judicial) of this Court is directed to communicate this order along with order dated 26th March, 2025 to the Collector, Jagatsinghpur forthwith for information and compliance.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

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(Savitri Ratho)
Judge