



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) NO.4865 OF 2026

Tankadhar Sahoo and another* *Petitioners

Mr. Tusar Kumar Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

Union of India and others* *Opp. Parties

Mr. Pitambar Acharya, Sr. Advocate &
Advocate General

being Assisted by Mr. Swayambhu Mishra,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

07.07.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. In spite of order dated 22nd June, 2026, neither any affidavit has been filed nor the Tahasildar, Palalahada (Opposite Party No.7) and the Special Land Acquisition Officer (R&R), Rengali Irrigation Project, Baghuabal, Anugola (Opposite Party No.5), appeared in person before this Court.
 - 2.1. Mr. Mishra, learned Additional Standing Counsel submitted that both of them stated that they have not received the communication from the Office of the learned Advocate General.
 - 2.2. Hence, we required learned Advocate General to address on the said issue.
 - 2.3. Keeping our request, Mr. Acharya, learned Senior Advocate and learned Advocate General appeared and



submits that he shall look into the matter and see that the issue is resolved shortly. He further submits, at present the matter is under the control of Nodal Officer-cum-Zone Officer, Rengali Irrigation Project, Debagarh. Hence, he prays for adjournment of three weeks.

3. In the first hour, both the Tahasildar, Palalahada and the Special Land Acquisition Officer (R&R), Rengali Irrigation Project, Baghuabal, Anugola appeared through virtual mode.

3.1. On the request of learned State Counsel, the matter was directed, to be taken up at 2:00 P.M. and both the Officers were directed to appear through virtual mode at 2:00 P.M. Whereas the Tahasildar, Palalahada appeared through virtual mode, but, the Special Land Acquisition Officer (R&R), Rengali Irrigation Project, Baghuabal, Anugola has not appeared through virtual mode. We take exception to this.

4. Mr. Acharya, learned Senior Advocate and learned Advocate General assures this Court that he shall recommend stringent action against the Special Land Acquisition Officer (R&R), Rengali Irrigation Project, Baghuabal, Anugola for non-compliance of the direction of this Court.

5. Taking into consideration the request made by Mr. Acharya, learned Senior Advocate and learned Advocate General, the matter stands adjourned, to be listed on 11th August, 2026, on which date, learned State Counsel shall apprise the Court about the developments made in the meantime by way of an affidavit, to be sworn in by a Competent Officer.



6. Personal appearance of Tahasildar, Palalahada and the Special Land Acquisition Officer (R&R), Rengali Irrigation Project, Baghuabal, Anugola is dispensed with for the time being.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

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(S.K. Mishra)
Judge