



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.A. No.339 of 2026

Md. Mansoor Ahmed and others Appellants

Mr.Sukanta Kumar Dalai, Advocate
on behalf of Mr.Pratik Dash, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others

Respondents

Mr.Saswat Das, Addl. Government Advocate
(for Respondent Nos.1, 3 and 4)
Mr.Nagen Kumar Barik, Advocate
(for Respondent No.2)

CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO
JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER
02.06.2026

Order No.

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1. The matter is taken up in virtual mode.
2. This matter is listed for orders. Notices were issued on the question of limitation by a Coordinate Bench by order dated 23.03.2026 in I.A. No.773 of 2026 and are reported to be sufficient.
3. Mr.Barik, learned counsel for the respondent No.2 submits that he shall file objection to the I.A. seeking condonation of reported delay of 39 days.

I.A.No.1930 of 2026

4. It is submitted by Mr.Dalai, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellants/petitioners referring to Annexure-10, annexed to the I.A., wherein notices have been issued on 25.05.2026 collectively to 83



appellants/petitioners directing them to vacate the place as well as their dwelling houses by 12.06.2026.

5. The notice refers to order dated 03.12.2025 in W.P. (C) No.11346 of 2020 which is appealed against in the present writ appeal. The appellants/petitioners seek interim order protecting their dwelling houses during pendency of the appeal.

6. The learned Addl. Government Advocate opposes the interim prayer and submits that since the appellants/petitioners do not come within the definition of 'slum dwellers' and the area does not come under the definition of 'slum' as in the Odisha Land Rights to Slum Dwellers Act, 2017.

7. Mr. Barik, learned counsel for respondent No.2-Rourkela Development Authority vehemently opposes the prayer of the appellants/petitioners and he submits that after losing in the writ petition, the appellants/petitioners cannot make such interim prayer.

The respondent No.2 shall file objection to the delay condonation application, if any, by the next date.

8. In the interim, it is directed that status quo as on date, regarding nature, character, ownership and possession of the properties which are subject matter of the writ appeal and are subject matter of writ petition being W.P.(C) No.11346 of 2020 disposed of on 03.12.2025 shall be maintained by the parties till the next date of hearing.



9. The matter shall be listed for orders in the week commencing 29.06.2026 before the assigned Bench.

Liberty to mention.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Vacation Judge

(M.S. Raman)
Vacation Judge

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