



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.460 OF 2017

Ajaya Kumar Sahoo

..... Petitioner

Mr. Siba Prasad Patra, Advocate

-versus-

***The Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.,
Sambalpur and others***

..... Opp. Parties

Mr. Pratyush Ranjan Patnaik, Advocate
(for Opposite Party Nos.1 and 2)

Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash,
Additional Standing Counsel
(for Opp. Party Nos.3 and 4)

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAYA KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

Order No.

15.07.2026

15. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Mr. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel places on record the written communication of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, MCL, Anugola vide letter No.1217 File No.VI-25/2026 dated 2nd July, 2026, wherein, it is indicated as under:

“Sub: W.P.(C) No.460/2017 filed by Ajaya Ku. Sahoo Vrs. The Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Sambalpur and others-regarding submission of instruction on order dt.07.05.2026 passed by Hon’ble High Court of Orissa.

Ref: Office of the Advocate General Odisha, Cuttack Letter No.23449/ Dt.12.05.2026.

Sir,

With reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to bring your kind notice that, as per kind orders dated 03.02.2026 if Hon’ble High Court of Orissa, Cuttack in the aforementioned case, necessary affidavit have already been filed by the Special Land Acquisition Officer, MCL, Anugola (Opposite Party No.4) on dated 07.03.2026. In the said affidavit, it has been submitted that the provisional sponsorship proposal



for employment in respect of the petitioner, submitted by the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) authorities, was approved and communicated to the General Manager, MCL, vide Letter No.657/L.A.-MCL dated 20.06.2014, for taking necessary action. But till date the General Manager, MCL has not communicated any screening report to this deponent i.e. the office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, MCL, Anugola.

As such, the joint screening report in respect of employment case of Sri Ajaya Kumar Sahoo is not available in the office of Special Land Acquisition Officer, MCL, Anugola.

A copy of the affidavit dated 07.03.2026, filed before Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, Cuttack, is enclosed herewith for your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

*Yours faithfully
Spl. Land Acquisition Officer,
MCL, Anugola."*

3. However, vide order dated 7th May, 2026, this Court, taking into consideration the submission of Mr. Samal, learned Senior Advocate for Petitioner to the effect that the report of Joint Screening Committee, is available with Special Land Acquisition Officer, MCL, Anugola, directed the Special Land Acquisition Officer to produce the same.
4. In view of the communication of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, MCL, Anugola, Mr. Patra, learned counsel for the Petitioner is directed to explain to the Court with regard to the statement made on 7th May, 2026.
5. Put up this matter on 19th August, 2026.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge