



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 8285 of 2026

Bhagaban Majhi

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Petitioner

Mr. A. Das, Advocate

-versus-

***1. State of Odisha,
represented by its,
Commissioner-
cum-Secretary to
Govt. of Odisha,
Panchayati Raj &
Drinking Water
Department, Lok
Seva Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar,
Dist.: Khurda***

***2. Collector & District
Magistrate,
Nabarangpur***

***3. CDO-cum-EO, Jilla
Parishad,
Nabarangpur***

***4. Block Development
Officer, Jharigam
Panchayat Samiti,
Nabarangpur***

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Opposite Parties

Mr. M.R. Mohanty, AGA

Ms. J. R. Tripathy, Special Counsel

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

26.03.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Learned counsel Ms. Jyotsna Rani Tripathy submits that she has instruction to appear on behalf



of the Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3 as the Special Counsel for MGNREGS (PR & DW Dept.) and files memo of appearance. The same is taken on record.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the Opposite Parties.

3. The grievance of the Petitioner, who is a Mate, is non-payment as per the final bill relating to construction of C.C. Road At- Chacha Village Reach-2, Chacha Grama Panchayat.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that in view of Annexure-6, the final bill having been prepared by the Block Development Officer, Jharigam Panchayat Samiti, Nabarangpur- Opposite Party No.4 and being counter signed by the Panchayat Samiti in question, inaction in the matter of payment gives rise to cause of action, to move this Court.

5. Per contra, Ms. Tripathy, learned Special Counsel for the Opposite Parties submits that admittedly the Petitioner has not ventilated his grievance before the authorities. Hence, on that score alone, the writ petition is liable to be rejected.

6. Considering the rival submissions, liberty is granted to the Petitioner to move the Opposite Party No.2-Collector & District Magistrate, Nabarangpur ventilating his grievance relating to non-payment of the final bill within a period of four weeks hence



enclosing the copy of the writ petition along with the order passed by this Court.

7. In the event such a representation is made, the Opposite Party No.2 shall do well to dispose of the same expeditiously after giving an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner.

8. It is needless to state that this Court has not expressed any view regarding the veracity of the claim in the writ petition.

9. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of.

10. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

Santoshi