



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.8722 of 2026

Dimple Sandil

.... *Petitioner*

Mr. S.Das, Advocate

-versus-

*Project Director of NHAI, Project
Implementation Unit, Keonjhar & Anr.*

.... *Opposite Parties*

Mr. T.K.Dash, AGA

Mr. B.Sahoo on behalf of Mr. U.C.Mohanty, Advocate for O.P.1

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
24.03.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard Mr. Das, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. T.K.Dash, learned AGA for the State and Mr. Sahoo, learned counsel for Opposite Party No.1.
 2. The grievance of the Petitioner is that, National Highway Authority of India issued a notice to him claiming the land in question over Plot No.199/848 as the part of the highway without proper measurement at the spot. It is further submitted that the Petitioner is the admitted recorded owner of Plot No.199/848 under Khata No.61 of Mouza-Jhachagaon.
 3. Considering such limited prayer of the Petitioner, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission permitting the Petitioner to submit his show-cause reply within a period of seven days from today to Opposite Party No.1. In such event, if the show-cause reply /representation is given by Petitioner within the time



stipulated above, Opposite Party No.1 shall consider the same by granting due opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner, and take decision in accordance with law with proper measurement, within a period of four weeks from the date of filing of the show-cause reply. Till such decision is taken by Opposite Party No.1, status-quo in respect of nature and character of the case land in Plot No.199/848 shall be maintained.

4. An urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

S.Das