



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.11545 of 2025

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, ***Petitioner***
Angul

Mr. R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India
with Mr. Haripad Mohanty, Advocate
and Mr. Soumyajit Pani, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. Swayambhu Mishra, ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA
JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER
17.07.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard Mr. Venkataramani, learned Senior Advocate and Attorney General of India appearing for the Petitioner (MCL) and Mr. Mishra, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
3. In course of hearing, Mr. Mishra, learned Additional Standing Counsel read out the written instruction imparted by the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Angul.
4. In response, Mr. Venkataramani, learned Senior Advocate and Attorney General of India drew attention of this Court to paragraphs-3 and 4 of Annexure-9, which reads as under.

3. “Despite of the completion of acquisition proceedings and deposition of award of compensation by MCL with district authority, the



district authority could not handed over the possession of the aforesaid land to MCL. Since the said land was acquired on urgent basis and the possession of the said land was not handed over to MCL, the MCL authorities had to arrange alternate route for Bharatpur OCP. So the said land is no more required by MCL.

4. In the Sub-Committee meeting held on 27.07.2013 regarding the aforesaid matter, it was decided that MCL shall examine whether the land which has already been acquired in village Badajorada is required for MCL or not and MCL shall submit a report in writing to the District Administration in this regard. MCL has already communicated to district administration vide letter nos. - 278 dtd. 20.11.2015 and 519 dtd. 11.05.2017 that the aforesaid land is no more required by MCL and requested for de-notification of the said land."

5. Mr. Mishra, learned Additional Standing Counsel, however, submits that he will file a detailed affidavit in terms of the instruction received and also respond to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Annexure-9.

6. Let the counter affidavit be filed within a period of three weeks hence serving copy thereof on learned advocate on record for the Petitioner.

7. Put up this matter on 26th August, 2025, indicating in the cause list that the matter shall be taken up at 2:00 PM.

(K.R.Mohapatra)
Judge

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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