



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.15517 OF 2026

Arun @ Aruna Behera ***Petitioner***

Ms. Santoshi Nahak, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

14.07.2026

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2. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. 2. Petitioner, in this writ petition, seeks for a direction for disposal of his application under Section 28-A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (for brevity, 'the Act').
3. 3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the land of the Petitioner was acquired in the year 1979 pursuant to Notification No.E.O.G. No.760 dated 27th April, 1979 published under Section 4(1) of the Act. Accordingly, award under Section 11 of the Act was passed. One Trilochan Pradhan of the village, whose land was acquired under the said notification, filed an application for enhancement of compensation. Ultimately the compensation was decided in FA No.54 of 2000 by this Court vide judgment dated 10th April 2008. In terms of the said judgment, the Petitioner filed an application on 21st July, 2008 under Section 28-A of the Act. Since then the application of the Petitioner filed



under Section 28-A of the Act is pending before the Zone Officer, Rengali Irrigation Project, Land Acquisition & Rehabilitation, Deogarh (Opposite Party No.3). Taking note of the grievance of the Petitioner, this Court vide order dated 22nd June, 2026 directed learned State Counsel to take instruction in the matter.

4. Mr. Biswal, learned Additional Standing Counsel places on record the written instruction of the Zone Officer, LA & RR Zone, Deogarh communicated to the Office of learned Advocate General vide letter No.543 dated 13th July, 2026, wherein it is indicated that the date of hearing of the application under Section 28-A of the Act has been scheduled to 22nd July, 2026. Copy of the said written instruction is taken on record.

5. Ms. Santoshi Nahak, learned counsel for the Petitioner, therefore, submits that since the hearing of the application of the Petitioner under Section 28-A of the Act is scheduled to 22nd July, 2026, direction may be made to dispose of the said application on the said date.

6. In view of such submission, this Court without expressing any opinion on the merit of the case of the Petitioner in the application under Section 28-A of the Act disposes of the writ petition with a direction to the Zone Officer, LA & RR Zone, Deogarh, Rengali Irrigation Project (Opposite Party No.3) to consider and dispose of the application of the Petitioner under Section 28-A of the Act on the date fixed for hearing, i.e., on 22nd July, 2026. If for any reason the application cannot be disposed of on the said date, the Zone Officer, LA & RR Zone, Deogarh shall



do well to consider and dispose of the said application within fifteen (15) days there from and not later than that.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order on proper application as per rules.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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