



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
LAA No.17 of 2011

State of Odisha and another ***Appellants***
Mr. Sachidananda Nayak, Addl. Standing Counsel

-versus-

Ramai Ranjan Bag and others ***Respondents***
Mr. Bhagaban Mohanty, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

09.05.2026

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22. 1. Pursuant to the order dated 14th March, 2026, an instruction dated 21st April, 2026 has been received from the Land Acquisition Officer, Sambalpur by the learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-appellants, copy of which is taken on record. In the said instruction, the following is reflected:-

“Since any settlement before the Lok Adalat would involve financial liability of the Requiring Body, the Superintending Engineer, MI Division, Sambalpur was requested vide this Office Letter No.337/LA, dtd.21.04.2026 to submit views/consent whether he is ready for compromise or settlement on the decretal amount in the LA Case No.63 of 1995. (Copy enclosed). In response, the Superintending Engineer, MI Division, Sambalpur replied vide his letter No.1624/MID dtd. 21.04.2026 (copy enclosed) that he is not in a position to



settle the matter in the Lok Adalat and has requested to restore/transfer the said case to the regular court for proper adjudicating in accordance with law.

In view of the above, it is therefore requested to kindly take necessary steps to restore the above mentioned case from the Lok Adalat to the regular court for adjudication.”

2. This Court in paragraphs-3, 4 and 5 of the order dated 14th March, 2026 observed as follows:-

“3. Perusal of the memorandum of Land Acquisition Appeal filed before this Court reveals as follows:-

“The present appeal is valued at Rs.31,026.13p.”

4. This Land Acquisition Appeal is filed in the year 2011. Though all concerned are well aware of the date of this Lok Adalat being fixed today (14th March, 2026), the matter has not been progressed with dispatch and sensitivity.

5. However, on the requested of the learned Additional Standing Counsel, this matter stands deferred and directed to be posted in the next Lok Adalat.”

3. Despite the record revealing the fact that the appeal is valued at Rs.31,026.13 paise and the Land Acquisition Officer, Sambalpur though vide Letter dated 31st December, 2010 instructed the Executive Engineer, MI Division, Sambalpur to deposit the awarded amount, it is submitted by the learned counsel appearing for the respondents that the same has not been made till date.



4. Though perusal of record reveals that the State has filed this appeal disclosing the valuation of appeal at Rs.31,026.13 paise, learned Additional Standing Counsel submitted that the State is not agreeable to settle the matter in the Lok Adalat. Therefore, Registry is instructed to place this matter before the regular assigned Bench.

(M.S. Raman, J.)
2nd National Lok Adalat

MRS/Laxmikant