



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.19030 of 2026

**Sabita Moharana &
Others**

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Petitioners

Mr. D.R. Barik, Adv.

-versus-

**State of Odisha and
Others**

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*Mr. S.P. Das, ASC
Mr. S.S. Mohanty, Adv.
(for O.P. No.5)*

COROM:
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER
30.06.2026

Order No

- 1.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.
3. Petitioners have filed the present Writ Petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

Therefore, it is humbly prayed that, this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to issue appropriate writ/writs calling upon the Opp. Parties to show cause, as to why

1.) the construction, excavation, or tower-erection conducted Parties, activities by Opposite particularly Opposite Party No. 5 (M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.), over the petitioners' land under Plot No. 741, Khata No. 193 of Mouza-Saradhapur, Angul, shall not be declared as illegal since no prior notice was given and no compensation has been provided to them

ii.) The opp. Party Shall not be directed to immediately stop and desist from carrying out any construction, excavation, or tower-erection activities over the petitioners' land under Plot No. 741, Khata No. 193 of Mouza-Saradhapur, Angul, until due procedure of law is followed.



iii.) The Opp. Party No-3 The collector-cum-District Magistrate, Angul, shall not be directed to immediately consider, adjudicate, and dispose of the petitioners' representations dated 08.12.2025 and 09.02.2026 (Annexures 6 & 7) in accordance with law, after providing the petitioners opportunity of personal hearing.

iv.) An appropriate direction shall not be issued to the Opposite Parties to systematically assess, determine, and disburse full and fair compensation to the petitioners toward the tower footing area, Right of Way (RoW) corridor, crop damages, and diminution of land value, in strict compliance with the statutory provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, and the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, before utilizing any portion of the petitioners' property.

v.) Any other order(s)/direction(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of equity, justice, and good conscience.

And for this act of kindness the Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

4. However, taking into account the claim raised in the present Writ Petition, liberty is granted to the Petitioners to make a fresh representation before Opp. Party No.3 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of their claim, if any, within a period of 2(two) weeks hence.

5. It is observed that if any such representation is filed within the aforesaid time period, Opp. Party No. 3 shall do well to take a lawful decision on the same within a period of 4(four) weeks from the date of receipt of such representation. The order so passed by Opp. Party No. 3 be communicated to the Petitioner.



6. Opp. Party No.3 is directed to give an opportunity of hearing to one of the Petitioner as well as the representative of Opp. Party No.5, prior to taking a decision on the issue.

7. Any construction made in the meantime shall be subject to final outcome of the decision to be taken by the Collector, as directed.

8. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

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