



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.19415 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010463422026

Snigdharani Sahoo

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.

- Abinash Routray

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.

– Ms. J. Sahoo, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

17.08.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The petitioner has approached this Court with the following prayer:

“The Petitioner, therefore, prays that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to admit the writ application. Issue a Rule Nissi calling upon the Opp.Parties to show-cause as to why the orders have given in Annexure- 8 shall not be quashed directing to hear the matter on the basis of the documents available without insisting for impleadment of the DFO and if the Opp.Parties fail to show-cause or show insufficient cause the said Rule be made absolute quashing the Annexure- 8 and direct the opp. party no. 2 for hearing of the OSS Case No. 251/2025 within a stipulated time fixed by this Hon'ble court. And for this act of kindness, the Petitioners shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

3. Mr. Routray, learned counsel for the petitioner forcefully submits that the presence of DFO is not at all necessary for adjudication of the case. He further apprehends that because of impletion of the DFO, the matter may be delayed.



4. Ms. J. Sahoo, learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State submits that the DFO may have been impleaded to ascertain if the land in question is included in DLC list.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the view that there being no material to show that the land was ever included in the DLC list, presence of the DFO is really not necessary. However, since the DFO has already been impleaded as per order dated 23.04.2026, this Court would not like to enter into the issue as it will lead to further delay in disposal of the matter.

6. In such view of the matter, the writ application is disposed of directing the Member, Board of Revenue to dispose of the Revision as early as possible, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order by the petitioner.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

A.K. Rana