



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.36324 of 2025

Srikanta Dehury

Petitioner
....
Mr. M. Kanungo, Sr. Advocate
with Mr. S. Nanda, Advocate

-versus-

***State of Odisha and
Others***

Opposite Parties
....

Mr. S.P. Das, ASC
Mr. G. Mukherjee, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. S.S. Mohanty, Advocate for O.P. No.6
Mr. B.S. Rayaguru, Sr. Panel Counsel for O.P. No.7

**CORAM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER
30.07.2026**

Order No.

- 05.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
2. Heard learned counsels appearing for the parties.
3. Pursuant to order dated 22.07.2026, learned Addl. Standing Counsel basing on the instruction provided by the Collector and District Magistrate, Angul, contended that there is no change in alignment.
4. However, Mr. M. Kanungo, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner basing on the additional affidavit so filed on 28.07.2026 in the



connected W.P.(C) No.20741 of 2026 and relying on the documents enclosed to the additional affidavit, contended that there is change in alignment and Opp. Party No.3 without taking prior permission from the competent authority since has passed the impugned order, the matter requires a proper adjudication.

5. Considering the submission made by learned Addl. Standing Counsel that, there is no change in alignment and the stand taken by the petitioner that there is change in alignment, this Court is of the view that the matter requires a field verification, in order to ascertain as to whether, there is any change in the alignment with regard to taking up of Overhead Transmission Line.

6. For such field verification, this Court is inclined to appoint Mr. Ramakanta Mohanty, learned Sr. Counsel. Learned Senior Counsel is directed to cause the field verification and submit a report to this Court as to whether there is change in alignment with regard to the route originally approved by the Govt. with issuance of the Gazette notification.

6.1. Learned Senior Counsel is also permitted to take help of a Technical Person if required to ascertain the allegation regarding change of alignment. The entire fee of the learned Senior Counsel and the Technical Person if to be engaged, will be borne by the Govt. and



it will be paid by Opp. Party No.2. The report be submitted on or before 21.08.2026. Learned Senior Counsel is also directed to cause the enquiry in presence of the petitioners and/or their authorised representative, Opp. Party No.2 as well as the authorised representative of Opp. Party Nos.5 and 6, with due notice, fixing the date of field verification and submit the report taking into account the law governing the field.

7. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel is directed to provide the copy of the Writ Petition, Additional affidavit filed in W.P.(C) No.20741 of 2026 as well as the order passed by this Court on 22.07.2026 on the learned Sr. Counsel, so appointed by this Court by 03.08.2026.

8. As requested, list this matter on 24.08.2026.

9. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date.

Free copy to Mr. S.P. Das, learned Addl. Standing Counsel for compliance.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge