



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.23125 of 2025

Sarat Kumar Jena

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Petitioner

Mr. P.P. Mohanty, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. U.C. Behera, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE DIXIT KRISHNA SHRIPAD

ORDER

22.08.2025

Order No.

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Petitioner's prayer reads as under.

“In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, it is therefore prayed that your Lordships be graciously pleased to allow the present writ application and further be pleased to issue Rule Nisi calling upon the Opposite Parties to show cause to why the impugned drone survey report dated 16.06.2025 prepared by the Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC), Opposite Party No.2 under Annexure-4 with regard to Aruha BSQ (Cluster Sl. No.2/3) shall not be quashed and if the opposite parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause, make the said Rule absolute;”

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the land in question having been allotted on 23.07.2021, a lease has been executed in his favour, in respect of the land in question on



14.11.2024 with tenure of 5 years. He also tells that the environmental clearance certificate expired on 16.01.2025 and that, now, the drone survey has been accomplished without giving an opportunity of hearing to him. He points out that on the basis of drone survey report, some adverse action may follow and therefore, he has made a representation dated 03.07.2025 at Annexure-5 for undertaking the exercise *de novo*.

3. Learned AGA, on request, appearing for the OPs opposes the writ petition contending that if the ground survey is to be done, hands are involved and instruments are involved and therefore, presence of stakeholders may be required; when drone survey is undertaken it is a kind of aerial survey and therefore, if there is any difficulty, it is open to the stakeholders to make to file objections to the survey report of the kind, so that the concerned authority would address the objections and take a decision on a normative basis.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner requests the Court for some time, so that his client would file the objections to the survey report. With this proposal learned AGA is also agreeable.

In the above circumstances, the writ petition is disposed off reserving liberty to the petitioner to file his objections to the drone survey report within a period of two weeks producing all vouching material in support of the objections, and that till a decision is taken by the jurisdictional OPs on the said objections, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner solely on



the basis of the drone survey report. All contentions are kept open.

Now, no costs.

Web copy of this order be acted upon by all concerned.

(Dixit Krishna Shripad)
Judge

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