



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.25903 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010593062026

Jagamohan Pradhan *Petitioner(s)*
Mr. Sarbeswar Sahoo, Adv.

versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. *Opposite Party(s)*
Mr. Sonak Mishra, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

Order No.

13.10.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner being a land oustee, has sought for a direction from this Court to the Director (R&R) and Ex-officio Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, Department of Water Resources/ Opposite Party No.3 and the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Resettlement & Rehabilitation Office, Baghuaboli, Angul/Opposite Party No.4 for extending the R.&R. benefits as per the terms of the Entitlement Matrix Calculated vide Annexure-3 in his favour.
3. Heard.

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4. At the outset, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that prior to filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner has already travelled pillar to post for redressal of his grievance. Finally, pursuant to the direction of this Court in W.P.(C) No.27143 of 2024, the Collector, Angul while considering the grievance of the Petitioner, has turned down his claim vide order dated 27.03.2025. The relevant portion of the said order dated 27.03.2025 is extracted herein below:-

“From the above, it is clear that the land of the Petitioner was acquired during the year 2012-13 as per provision of the L.A Act, 1894. But due to non-payment of compensation before enforcement of RFCTLAR&R Act, 2013, the Petitioner is entitled only payment of compensation in accordance with provisions as per Section 24(2) of said new Act, 2013. With regard to Rehabilitation & Resettlement benefits, Govt. has clarified vide letter noted supra, the R&R Policy 2006 is applicable as notification to acquire the land was published prior to enforcement of new Act, 2013. Accordingly, the claim of Petitioner merits no consideration.”

5. In such view of the matter, let the learned counsel for Petitioner serve an extra copy of the brief on the learned counsel for the State within two working days hence. He is directed to file a detailed reply within two weeks thereafter.



6. List this matter on 13th November, 2026.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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