



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.30127 of 2021

Nilambar Sahoo and others **Petitioner (s)**
Represented By Adv.
Mr. Bibekananda Bhuyan, Sr. Adv.
Along with associates

-versus-

State of Odisha and others **Opposite Parties**
Represented By Adv.
Mr. Bibekananda Nayak, AGA

CORAM:
DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER
13.08.2025

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04. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard.
3. Let WATCO be made a party to this Writ Petition and a copy of the Writ Petition be served on Mr. P.K. Bhuyan, learned Advocate who usually appears for WATCO. The Secretary, Water Resources Department also be made a party and a copy of the Writ Petition be served on the learned counsel for the State.
4. Learned counsel for the State to take instructions regarding the alarming issue of death of ponds and water



bodies in the State and what steps have been taken recently at the Government level to protect the water bodies as well as the ponds in both cities and rural areas. The Secretary, Water Resources Department shall file an affidavit to that effect within four weeks from today.

5. List this matter on 25th September, 2025.
6. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date.
7. A free copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State for compliance.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K. Panigrahi)
Judge

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