



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.28745 of 2026

[CNR No.ODHC010655812026]

*Munidei Majhi & Ors.*

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*Petitioner(s)*

*Mr. Afraaz Suhail, Adv.*

*Ms. Poongkhulali B., Adv.*

*-versus-*

*Sub Divisional Level  
Committee, Rayagada  
& Ors.*

....

*Opposite Party(s)*

*Mr. Debasish Nayak, AGA*

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI**

**ORDER**

**11.09.2026**

**Order No.**

**01.**

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioners have challenged the proceedings of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 dated 19.11.2024, the proceedings of the District Level Committee dated 18.12.2024 also under the aforesaid Act, 2006 and also the Form I certificate dated 31.01.2025 issued by the District Collector, Rayagada based on the Order of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change dated 03.08.2009.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Grama Sabha stated to have been conducted in the present



Case is sham. She also contends that the Gram Sabha has not been conducted properly.

4. In such view of the matter, let notice be issued to the Opposite Parties.

5. Learned counsel for the State waives of notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3. Let three extra copies of the brief be served on the learned counsel for the State within three working days hence.

6. Notice be issued to Opposite Party No.4 by Speed Post with A.D., making the same returnable by 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2026. Requisites for issuance of notice shall be filed within three working days from today.

7. Learned Counsel for the State is directed to obtain necessary instruction on the following points:

- i.* Whether a register pertaining to the said Gram Sabha was maintained?
- ii.* Whether in the said register attendance of the attendees were properly taken prior to passing of the resolution?
- iii.* Whether video recording of the said Grama Sabha was done?
- iv.* Whether the Sub-Divisional Level Committee or the District Level Committee were properly constituted?

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8. List this matter on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2026 along with  
W.P.(C) No.24463 of 2026.

*(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)*  
*Judge*

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