



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.23020 of 2024

Chandan Mohanty *Petitioner(s)*

Mr. Ananta Narayan Pattanayak, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. *Opposite Parties*

Mr. Gyanaranjan Mohapatra, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

17.09.2024

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this Writ Petition, the Petitioner being an inhabitant of Village-Dhinkia (Patana) has sought for a direction from this Court to the Opposite Party Nos.9 & 10 for not cutting the trees from the Dhinkia Gram Panchayat.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that in order to set up an industrial unit the Opposite Party Nos.9 & 10 in connivance with the district administration have already cut down so many trees from the periphery area of Dhinkia Gram Panchayat. They are also going to deforest the periphery area of Dhinkia Gram Panchayat.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submits that due to such action of the Opposite Parties, the livelihood of the Petitioner is going to be affected. He also contends that the said deforesting activities by the Opposite Party Nos.9 & 10 will affect the environment immensely.



5. In such view of the matter, the Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar, Kendrapara /Opposite Party No.4 is directed to remain present before this Court on 23rd September, 2024 at 2.00 P.M. to explain as to how many trees have been cut in the Dhinkia Gram Panchayat for the purpose of setting up the industrial unit.

6. List this matter on 23rd September, 2024 at 2.00P.M.

7. A free copy of this order be issued to the learned counsel for the State for onward transmission of the same to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar.

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge