



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

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

Chandan Mohanty

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Petitioner

Mr. Ananta Narayan

Pattanayak,

Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Mr. Sonak Mishra, ASC

Mr. Ashok Parija, Senior

Advocate along with Associates

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order

ORDER

No.

17.09.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
 2. Heard.
 3. On going through the affidavit filed by the Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3, this Court does not find any data with respect to the compensatory afforestation across the State. Rather, it is confined to two districts i.e. Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara. However, the details of the CAMPA fund have been mentioned in the affidavit,



except mentioning of receipt of the fund, the utilization of the fund has not been mentioned in the said affidavit.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the State has not complied the order dated 03.04.2025 passed by this Court insofar as Paragraph-4 is concerned which is extracted hereinbelow:-

“Accordingly, the Opposite Party Nos.1 to 4 shall file a detailed affidavit regarding the number of sapling plantation across the all industrial projects sites of the State as well as along the road constructed by the NHAI, State Highway and also around any other development projects being undertaken by the State.”

5. It appears that the details of the compensatory afforestation across the State has not been reflected in the Affidavit and how many plants they have planted across the State have not been mentioned in the affidavit. Hence, the deponent is directed to file a detailed affidavit with regard to the number of sapling planted along side the National Highways, State Highways, Industrial establishments etc.



6. Learned counsel for the State shall also give details of the utilization of the CAMPA fund for the purpose of creation of compensatory forest with detailed break-ups district wise.
7. List this matter on 28.10.2025.
8. A free copy of the order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge