



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.32731 of 2025 (PIL)

Ritukanta Bastia and others* *Petitioners

Mr. Samir Kumar Mishra, Senior Advocate
assisted by Mr. Kalinga Keshari Mohapatra, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others* *Opposite Parties
Mr. Debasish Tripathy, AGA

**CORAM:
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN**

**ORDER
18.12.2025**

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01. 1. The petitioners are the inhabitants and the residents in the periphery of Kendupatna-Balipada-Gandarpur Road, which is not catered with the proper streetlights causing several inconveniences to the resident of the locality. The said area comes within the extended territory of Bhubaneswar city and is under the supervision, management and administration of the Bhubaneswar Development Authority as it has not yet been included within the Municipal Corporation area.
2. We are not unaware of the rapid expansion of a developing city and the infrastructural activities across the borders of the Municipal area and, therefore, it is imperative on the part of the concerned authority to provide the proper lighting system and the drainage system. The urban areas are expanded not only because of the paucity of the adequate accommodation available within the city area, but to have better amenities, facilities and the quality life, there is a growing trend of creating infrastructure at the peripheral of the said city.



3. This is one of the cases, which conforms to such reality as the petitioners including the other people of the adjoining area to the said road, have constructed the house and are living therein. The large number of people having decided to construct their dream homes, which for multiple factors could not be possible for them within the developed city area, cannot be deprived of proper sanitation system and lighting on the road being a means of access to their respective residence. The reports suggest that if the roads are properly lighted, it not only helps the people to embark thereupon but may also reduce any criminal offence and, therefore, the safety and security of the people of the locality is paramount.

4. The right to life enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution imbibes and engulfs within its fold the right to quality life. Proper sanitation and maintenance of a hygiene in an orderly society cannot be subsumed into unhygienic system and, therefore, it is not only obligation of the competent authority but the ordain of the Constitution of India that the administration shall ensure the quality life by providing all infrastructure and also to ensure the safety and security of the people of the said locality by providing the lighting poles or other means.

5. The State has come up with the positive idea and have eradicated any impasse which is created because of their responsibilities being entrusted on different Departments. The Additional District Magistrate has taken up the responsibility and instructed the concerned Block Development Officer to see that the lighting poles are installed on the said street and also drainage system should be installed or put in use to maintain hygiene in the locality. The necessary funds have already been earmarked and the said work shall be ensued shortly.



6. In view of such stand taken by the authority, realizing their duties and responsibilities to the citizen of the country and upholding the constitutional ethos, we do not think any further purpose would be subserved in keeping the instant writ petition pending. We expect and hope that the authorities would take immediate steps for installation of the street lights on both sides of the said road and shall also construct the drainage system for discharge of effluence in order to ensure the hygienic conditions within the said locality.

7. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

MRS/Laxmikant