



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

LAA No.46 of 2024

***Gopal Chandra Negi and
another*** ***Appellants***

Mr. S.K. Dash, Sr. Advocate along with
Mr. P. Das, Advocate
-versus-

***Land Acquisition Zone
Officer, Khorda Road-
Bolangir and another*** ***Respondents***

Mr. P.K. Mohanty, ASC
(for Respondent No.1)

**CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO**

**ORDER
15.04.2026
(Hybrid Mode)**

Order No.

11. I.A. No.431 of 2024 and LAA No.46 of 2024

1. The Registry has indicated typographical error which is usual for Secretary, Mr. Dutta as he has again typed the order number wrongly. After order number '09' the order number should be '10'. It has been typed as '7'.

2. Accordingly, it is directed in order dated 16.03.2026 shall be corrected in hand by correcting '7' as '10'. The correction shall be carried out as per rules.

3. The learned instructing counsel refers to the paragraphs 5 and 6 of the order dated 16.03.2026.



It is submitted that the conditions imposed for condonation of delay have been complied with by the appellants.

4. The office note put up by the Registry indicates that the amount as directed for condonation of delay has been deposited in the Odisha High Court Bar Association Welfare Fund.

In view of the compliance of the conditions, the delay which was directed to be condoned by order dated 16.03.2026 is hereby condoned.

5. The I.A. No.431 of 2024 is favoured and disposed of.

6. The learned counsel for the appellants seeks leave to implead the requisitioning authority which had sought for acquisition of land. In view of the judgment of the Constitution Bench in ***U.P. Awas Evam Vikas Parishad v. Gyan Devi (dead) by LRS. and others: (1995) 2 SCC 326***, requisitioning authority/project proponent should be heard in deciding matters where quantum of compensation is question. In the present appeal, the land oustees seek for enhancement of the land acquisition compensation as per the order of the Presiding Officer, Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Settlement Authority (Northisn Division), Sambalpur under Section 64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation



and Resettlement Act, 2013 for acquisition of land for the Khorda Road-Bolangir, New BG Rail Link, Bolangir.

7. In view of the position in law, the prayer for impleading the requisitioning authority/project proponent is allowed.

8. The learned counsel for the appellants is permitted to carry out addition of party in the cause title of the appeal memo by indicating the name of the Officer as well as the Official address clearly. The addition of the parties shall bear the signature of the learned counsel for the appellants and shall be countersigned by the Court Master.

9. Issue notice to the respondents in the appeal along with this order.

Mr. P.K. Mohanty, learned Additional Standing Counsel upon advance copy served, appears for the respondent no.1 and waives notice. No further notice be issued to respondent no.1.

Notice be issued to the newly added respondent no.2 by Speed Post with registration and proof of delivery. Requisites for issuance of notice to the newly added respondent no.2 be filed within seven working days.

10. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the appellants that he may be granted leave to serve extra copy of the appeal memo on the learned Central



Government Counsel who usually appears for the East Coast Railways, project proponent.

Liberty granted to the appellants to serve extra copy of the appeal memo on the learned counsel usually appearing for the East Coast Railway apart from taking notice as directed.

11. List for admission after service return. Liberty to mention.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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