



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.732 OF 2026

Buddha Dev Mukherjee & ors.

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Petitioners

Mr. Partha Mukherji, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & ors.

....

Opp. Parties

*Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash,
Additional Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

25.03.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. The grievance of the Petitioners in this writ petition is with regard to the order dated 04.10.2025 as at Annexure-4, passed by the Collector and District Magistrate, Khordha.
 3. In the impugned order under Annexure-4, the Collector, Khordha rejected the prayer of the Petitioners to refer the matter to the Authority under Section-64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013(for brevity, "the Act").
 4. It is the grievance of the Petitioners that they had approached this Court earlier in W.P.(C) No.20118 of 2024 with a prayer to disburse the share in the compensation/ consideration money for direct purchase of their land for Ekamra Project under Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.
 5. This Court disposed of the writ petition on 03.09.2024 with an observation that the Petitioner may avail the remedy under Section-64 of the Act.



6. The Petitioners, in compliance to the said order made an application under Section-64 of the Act but the same was rejected on the ground that the Collector, Khordha had no jurisdiction to refer the matter to the Authority under Section-64 of the Act, as there was no land acquisition under the Act.
7. In course of argument, it came to light that there are certain provisions in the Act for direct purchase of the land from the consenting land owner.
8. In view of the above, the matter requires consideration.
9. Hence, issue notice.
10. Since Mr. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the Opposite Party Nos.1 & 4, no requisites need be filed for issuance of notice to them.
11. Requisites for issuance of notice to rest of the Opposite Parties by Speed Post with A.D. shall be filed by 2nd April, 2026.
12. Put up this matter on 30th June, 2026 along with the tracking report of the Postal Department.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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