



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.78 OF 2026

Chaitanya Goud @ Lahajal

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Petitioner

Mr. Gopal Chandra Das, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

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. Grievance of the Petitioner, in this writ petition, is with regard to the inaction of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project, Kusumkhunti in the district of Kalahandi in disbursing compensation amount along with statutory dues in terms of judgment dated 6th September, 2019 passed by the learned Civil Judge (Senior Division) Bhawanipatna in L.A.R No.36 of 2019.
 3. Taking into consideration grievance of the Petitioner this Court vide order dated 6th September, 2019 directed learned State Counsel to take instruction in the matter.
 4. Mr. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel instruction submits that the Director, R & R and Ex-Officio Special Secretary in the Department of Water Resources vide letter No.7451/WR dated 11th March, 2026 accorded sanction for



release of Rs.2,25,702/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Two only) in favour of the Petitioner in terms of the judgment passed in LAR No.32 of 2019 in reference under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

4.1. The written instruction so received is taken on record.

5. In view of the instruction received as stated above, the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project, Kusumkhunti is directed to release the compensation amount so sanctioned in favour of the Petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferable by end of May, 2026 verifying his entitlement and acknowledging receipt of the same.

6. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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