

W.P.(C) No. 20926 of 2020

02. 30.09.2020

This matter is taken up through video conferencing.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Addl. Government Advocate for the State.

Petitioners in this writ petition seek for a direction to opposite party Nos. 1 and 2 i.e. Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government Water Resources Department, Bhubaneswar and Director (R&R), Department of Water Resources, Bhubaneswar to sanction and release the awarded amount in favour of the petitioner for acquisition of land for construction of Lower Indra irrigation Project as per the judgment dated 16.1.2019 passed by the learned Civil Judge(Sr.Divn.), Nuapada in L.A.R. Case No. 21 of 2016 as well as the calculation sheet made under Annexure-1.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that petitioner has filed an application under Section 18 of the L.A. Act for higher compensation which was referred to Civil Court for adjudication. The Civil Court registered it as L.A.R. No. 21 of 2016 and same was disposed of on 16.1.2019 and higher compensation was awarded. Thereafter the opposite party No.3 submitted the calculation sheet to opposite party No.2 vide Annexure-1 for sanction of the decretal amount for payment of the same to the petitioner. He further submitted that till date the amount has not been disbursed.

In view of the above, we dispose of the writ petition with a direction to opposite party No.2 to sanction the amount at an early stage and thereafter the opposite

party No.3- Special Land Acquisition Officer, Lower Indra Irrigation Project, Khariar in the district of Nuapada shall take expeditious step for disbursement of the compensation amount if there is no other impediment.

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S. Panda,J.

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S.K.Panigrahi, J