

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.6952 of 2024

Laxman Rohidas and Others ***Petitioners***
Mr. Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Advocate
-versus-
State of Odisha, represented through its
Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj
and Drinking Water Department and
Others ***Opposite Parties***
Mr. U.K. Sahoo, Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY
ORDER
28.3.2024

Order No.

01. 1. The matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard Mr. M.K. Mohanty, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. U.K. Sahoo, learned ASC.
3. The Petitioners are the cultivators of village Belmunda under Samsingha GP in the district of Jharsuguda. Their grievance is that earlier they were permitted to irrigate their farm lands from the local water reservoir namely Samasingha Badakata (Belmunda Kata). But after the reservoir was given in auction for Pisciculture, they are not permitted to take water from the same. It is also submitted that they have made representations to different authorities including the Block Development Officer, Kolabira, but no one has heeded to their grievances.
4. Considering such grievance of the Petitioners, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Block Development Officer, Kolabira (O.P. No.3) to consider and dispose of the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-4 dated 26th February 2024, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, within a period of one month from the date of

receipt of certified copy of this order. The BDO is further directed to consider immediate release of water (within one week) from the reservoir to the farm lands of present Petitioners keeping in view the ensuing Summer.

5. An urgent certified copy of this order shall be issued on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K. Panda



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