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WPC PIL 14046/2022 FILED IN HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA IN THE MATTER OF DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE BY CUTTING AGE OLD TREES FOR MLA COLONY IN BHUBANESWAR

ORDER 1 DATED 02 06 2022 WPC 14046 OF 2022 MLA COLONY

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.14046 of 2022 (PIL)

Jayanti Das Petitioner

Mr. Bijaya Kumar Ragada,

Advocate

-versus State of Odisha and

others

.... Opp. Parties

Mr. Debakanta Mohanty,

Addl. Government Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

Order No.

ORDER

02.06.2022

**01. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement
(video conferencing/physical mode).**

This writ petition, which is in the nature of Public

Interest Litigation has been filed by Smt. Jayanti Das with

following prayer:

“The petitioner, therefore, prays that this Hon’ble Court be graciously pleased to admit this Public Interest Litigation and issue a Rule NISI calling upon the opposite parties to show cause as to why a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ/writs shall not be issued to the opposite parties:

(i) Direct the opposite parties to stop cutting of trees in and around the existing M.L.A. Colony, Unit-IV, Bhubaneswar;

(ii) Direct the opposite parties not to damage, fell, uproot, cut down, burn

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down or otherwise, destroy part of trees;

(iii) Direct the opposite parties to provide satellite pictures of the area before and after cutting the old age trees;

(iv) Direct the opposite parties to file affidavit about the number of trees already cut and deposit the compensation according to Hon’ble

Supreme Court Guidelines for the trees
already cut to the agencies as deemed
fit by this Hon'ble Court for protection of
environment;

(v) And if the opposite parties fail to show
cause or show insufficient cause, to
make the said rule absolute.

And pass an order(s)/direction(s) as this
Hon'ble Court deem fit and proper.

And for this act of kindness the petitioner
as in duty bound shall ever pray."

Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel for the State submits
that he has instruction that all formalities have been duly
complied with before the decision and he intends to file a
detailed affidavit on behalf of the G.A. Department to
meet the averments taken in the writ petition giving copy
thereof to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

List this matter in the week commencing from
27.06.2022.

RKM

(S.K. Sahoo)

Vacation Judge

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)

Vacation Judge