

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
02.06.2022**

Order No.

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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*

- 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.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Vacation Judge

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Vacation Judge