



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.28885 of 2024

Bishnu Charan Sahoo

.... **Petitioner**

Represented By Sr. Adv.

Mr. Milan Kanungo

Along with

Mr. S. R. Mohanty, Adv.

-versus-

Union of India & Ors.

.... **Opposite Parties**

Represented By DSGI

Mr. P. K. Parhi

Along with

Mr. D. Gochhayat, CGC

Mr. U. C. Mohanty, Adv.

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. The Petitioner has filed this Writ Petition challenging the notice dated 25.07.2024 issued by the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Chandikhole.
3. Heard learned counsels for the Parties.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has opened a commercial establishment after securing his right, title and interest over the property in



question. The Petitioner has also obtained license from the competent authorities for the same. While the Petitioner was continuing his peaceful possession over the property, the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Chandikhole has issued the notice of eviction dated 25.07.2024 directing the Petitioner for removal of unauthorized occupation of the land in question.

5. Learned counsel for the NHAI submits that if the Petitioner is a recorded tenant and he is having valid documents to prove the ownership of the land in question, he can approach the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Chandikhole for redressal of his grievance.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the Parties, without going into the merits of the claim of the Petitioner, this Court directs the Petitioner to approach the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Chandikhole by way of a representation along with all the documents pertaining to his ownership within a period of one week from the date of obtaining/receiving the certified copy of this order. In such event, the said authority shall consider



the representation to be filed by the present Petitioner within a period of one month thereafter.

7. It is made clear that no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner till the representation to be filed by the present Petitioner is disposed of by the Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Chandikhole.

8. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge

Sumitra