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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(C) No. 7678 of 2026

Ramjee Kumar Munda, son of Late Shankar Munda, resident of Village Dorotoli, P.O. & P.S.-Kuru, District- Lohardaga
... ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-Competent Authority for Land Acquisition, Lohardaga
3. The District Land Acquisition Officer, Lohardaga
.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anil Kumar Ganjhu, Advocate
Ms. Priyanka KUmari, Advocate
Ms. Angel Khalkho, Advocate
Mr. Randhir Kumar Sharma, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. Ashok Kumar, A.A.G.-IV
Mr. Shishir Suman, A.C. to A.A.G.-IV

02/30.09.2026 The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent to forthwith release the payment of compensation amount of Rs.41,79,478/- towards the house/structure standing over the land appertaining to plot no. 2230, Khata No. 426, P.S. No. 31, Mouza- Kudu, District- Lohardaga, which, according to the petitioner, was acquired for construction and widening of NH-39.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though an award was prepared for payment of Rs.41,79,478/- in favour of the petitioner towards the house/structure standing over the aforesaid land, however the said amount has not yet been paid to him. It is further submitted that though Annexure-2 series suggest that the said payment has been made to the petitioner, however in fact the petitioner has not received any such payment. Under the said compelling circumstance, he has preferred the present writ petition.

3. Mr. Ashok Kumar, learned A.A.G.-IV appearing on behalf of the respondents, submits that the aforesaid claim of the petitioner is required to be factually examined by the competent authority, i.e., the respondent no. 3-the District Land Acquisition Officer, Lohardaga. Hence, if the petitioner prefers a fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no. 3, an appropriate step in accordance with law will be taken and if it is found that the petitioner deserves the payment of compensation for acquisition of the house/structure, the same will be made within a stipulated time.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature of prayer made in the writ petition, without entering into the merit of the case, the petitioner is given liberty to prefer a fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no. 3. On receipt of the said representation, the respondent no. 3, after verifying the relevant records of the case and on providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner/his representative, shall take appropriate steps in this regard within four weeks from the date of filing of the said representation.

5. If it is found that the payment of compensation towards the house/structure standing over the land in question has not yet been made to the awardee-the petitioner, the same will be made to him within two weeks thereafter.

6. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of with aforesaid liberty and direction.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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