

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH: KOLKATA

O.A. NO. 511/2024 (PB) & O.A. NO. 133/2024

**News Item "No Crops, No Brides, How Rising Seas are
killing India's Coastal villages" appearing in the
Guardian**

dated 11.03.2024"

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Vrs.

State of Orissa & Others.

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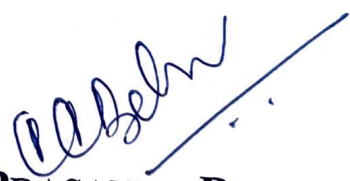
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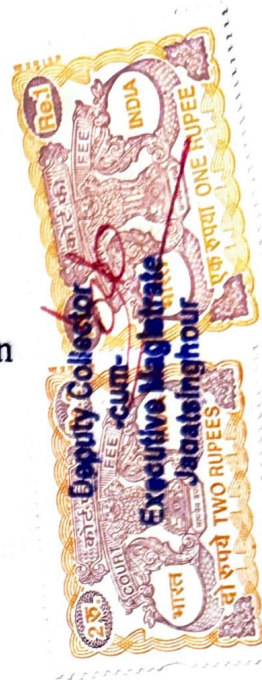
AFFIDAVIT FILED BY RESPONDENT NO. 13

I, Sri J Sonal, aged about 37 years S/o-Sri Ashim Kumar Jena, presently working as District Magistrate & Collector, Jagatsinghpur At/Po/Dist- Jagatsinghpur do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:-

1. That I am swearing this affidavit pursuant to the direction dated 6.8.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court.
2. That I am arrayed as Respondent No. 4 in the above-mentioned Original Application as per order dt. 06.8.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court.
3. That I have gone through the above-mentioned Original Application and have understood all the contents thereof. In my official capacity I am well acquainted with the facts of the case and thus competent to swear this affidavit.

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4. That, the Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi (PB) on the basis of the news item has registered case bearing No. 511 of 2024 (PB). Then it has been directed to transfer this O.A to EZ, Kolkata and been renumbered as 133/2024/EZ.
5. That this, Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 06.08.2025 has been pleased to direct the present answering Respondent No.4 to file counter affidavit stating the measures that have been taken for providing potable water to the villages in question with regard to the article published in the newspaper The Gaurdian titled as "No Crops, No Brides: How Rising Seas are killing India's Coastal Villages."
6. That, it is humbly submitted that the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Jagatsinghpur was requested to submit his report to the present petition. The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Jagatsinghpur has submitted his report vide his Letter No. 385 dated 11.02.2026. The Report reveals that 35 villages in Balikuda Block and 67 villages in Erasama Block are affected by salinity. Out of these, 35 villages of Balikuda and 65 villages of Erasama have been covered under the Mega Piped Water Supply Scheme for Balikuda, Erasama and Naugaon Blocks using river water as the source. Additionally, a Mega Piped Water Supply Project covering 544 villages in Raghunathpur, Tirtol, Erasama and Kujanga Blocks is under implementation and is scheduled for completion by March 2027. At present, there are 740 functional tube

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wells in Balikuda Block and 1,664 tube wells in Erasama Block.

Copy of the Letter No. 385 dated 11.02.2026 is Annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-A/4.

7. That, it is humbly submitted that the Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Forest Division (Wild Life), Rajnagar was also requested to submit his report in this regard. The Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Jagatsinghpur has submitted detailed information on plantation activities which has been furnished for compliance. The report covers mangrove and non-mangrove plantations raised along vulnerable coastal stretches of Jagatsinghpur district as bio-shields against tidal surges and saline ingress, along with environmental protection measures undertaken to stabilize shorelines and safeguard the local ecology. As per the enclosed Annexure, plantations were carried out in Kujanga (WL) Range during 2020-21 to 2024-25 under schemes such as International Growth Centre (IGC), Green Mahanadi Mission (GMM), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) through AR/ANR modes at sites including Nadiakhia, Balijori, Kansaripatia, Jatadhar tanda, Sahadabedi, Akashdia, Gadaharishpur, Balitutha Padmapur and others, covering areas ranging from 5 Ha to 100 Ha per site, with seedling/hypocotyl plantation numbers varying from 4,000 to 53,500 per site (e.g.,

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25,000 at Nadiakhia in 2020-21, 20,000 at Nadiakhia in 2021-22, 10,000 at Jatadhar tanda in 2022-23, 22,225 at Jatadhar tanda in 2022-23, 53,500 at Padmapur in 2022-23, and 31,115 at Jatadhar tanda in 2024-25). A future action plan with proposed plantation targets to further strengthen the coastal ecosystem has also been indicated.

Copy of the memo No. 923 dt. 10.02.2026 is Annexed herewith as ANNEXURE- B/4.

8. That, it is humbly submitted that the Superintending Engineer, Jagatsinghpur Irrigation Division, Jagatsinghpur was also requested to submit his report in this regard. The S.E. Jagatsinghpur Irrigation Division has submitted that work of construction of an additional sluice at Guneimuhan creek over Alaka River near Ghosaghar has been completed at a cost of Rs. 347.11 lakhs, resulting in protection of about 275 hectares of paddy land from saline water intrusion. He further reported that the project namely "Raising and strengthening of the saline embankment from Muguranallah to Balabhadrapur from RD 7.00 km to 12.87 km (working RD 7.00 km to 12.724 km) for Badabali to Bandar, including three drainage sluices, has been partially completed at a cost of Rs. 3767.37 lakhs, with the balance work amounting to Rs. 1216.04 lakhs pending approval to CE&BM, MKS, and is expected to be completed by 2028 to improve paddy cultivation and reduce saline ingress. Additionally, another project

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namely "Raising and strengthening of the saline embankment from Kathagadi sluice to Balabhadrapur" estimated at Rs. 12122.00 lakhs, has been submitted for approval at TAC at Government level, which upon completion will further restrict saline intrusion and reduce groundwater contamination in the affected areas.

Copy of the letter No. 714 dt. 10.02.2026 is Annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-C/4.

9. The Chief District Agriculture Officer, Jagatsinghpur has reported for management of acid soil in the coastal blocks under the National Mission on Edible Oil-Oilseeds (NMEO-OS), dolomite limestone was supplied covering 500 hectares, including Kujanga (170 ha – 425 qntls), Erasama (160 ha – 400 qntls) and Balikuda (170 ha – 425 qntls), totaling 1,250 quintals, while 3,000 quintals were supplied to the district during Rabi 2025–26. Soil testing for 12 parameters is being conducted for 10,000 samples district-wide, of which 4,150 samples were collected from coastal blocks (Kujanga – 1,350; Erasama – 1,350; Balikuda – 1,450), and distribution of Soil Health Cards is continuing. In saline coastal areas (Kujanga, Erasama, Tirtol and Balikuda), shallow tubewell installation and borewell digging is not available under Govt. Subsidy (under the Jananidhi Scheme) to prevent seawater intrusion and saline ingress. Farmers are also being informed through awareness camps, Training Meeting regarding dosase of fertilizers specific to their conditions to avoid

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degradation of soil and environment. Farmers are cultivating saline-resistant paddy varieties such as Luni Pateni, Luni Farm, Ras-15, Bhaluki and Lunishree, and in disaster situations like floods and cyclones, short-duration crops including pulses and vegetables are promoted to manage risk and maintain soil health.

Copy of the letter No-451 Dt-10.02.2026 is Annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-D/4.

10. The Block Development Officer, Erasama has reported that Erasama Block under Jagatsinghpur District has a geographical area of 397.18 Sq. Km comprising 25 GPs and 210 revenue villages, out of which 11 villages are uninhabited as per revenue records, with a total population of 1, 45,925 as per 2011 Census (Male-73,418 and Female-72,507). For peripheral development and public interest near Siali Beach under Padampur GP, several projects have been implemented, namely: construction of Kalamanadap; Rural Park worth Rs.10 lakh under MGNREGS; Model Tank with embankment worth Rs.9 lakh; Pandals near beach under MPLAD; Community Toilet worth Rs.5 lakh under RWSS & SFC; Mission Shakti Café worth Rs.10 lakh; Community Centre worth Rs.10 lakh at Hawa Khana, Gadaharishpur GP; Market Complex worth Rs.10 lakh near Siali Beach; Guard Wall near Hawa Khana worth Rs.10 lakh under MGNREGS; High Tide Protection Wall from Nalandi to Bahulia Gheri Nadi Bandha worth Rs.9.6 lakh; Protection Sea Wall at Ramatara Nala Nadi

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worth Rs.9.5 lakh for prevention of seashore erosion; and proposal for construction of a new View Tower worth Rs.47.55 lakh near Siali Beach has been submitted and is awaited for approval. Further, nine (09) Multi-Purpose Cyclone/Flood Shelters under OSDMA and two (02) Cyclone Shelters under IRC have been constructed in vulnerable GPs including Dhinkia, Ambiki, Japa, Gadakujanga, Gadaharishpur, Padampur, Goda, Nardia and Kunjakothe to ensure safety during disasters, and the said villages are declared Tsunami-prone. Tsunami recognition and awareness programmes are being implemented and regular Mock Drills, Table Top Exercises, SHG level training, Shelter level training, wall painting and cultural programmes are being conducted to strengthen disaster preparedness among the community and stakeholders.

Copy of the letter No-634 Dt-10.02.2026 is Annexed herewith as ANNEXURE- E/4.

11. The Block Development Officer, Balikuda has reported that necessary measures have been undertaken in the three coastal Gram Panchayats Kusupur, Baramundali, and Marichipur which are adjacent to the Bay of Bengal. These GPs have achieved 100% mega pipe water supply coverage, and intensive livelihood activities under MGNREGS are being implemented, making them the best performing GPs in terms of labour engagement and person-days generation. No human settlements in Balikuda have been reported damaged due to sea

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erosion, though infrastructure is being identified and strengthened for tsunami preparedness, along with regular mass awareness and sensitization programmes. Further, to ensure groundwater recharge and mitigate water scarcity, farm ponds and community tanks have been excavated from 2021- 22 to 2025 - 26. As per the data provided, Baramundali GP has completed 8 farm ponds and 18 community tanks; Kusupur GP has completed 137 farm ponds and 11 community tanks; and Marichipur GP has completed 5 farm ponds and 9 community tanks.

Copy of the letter No-796 Dt-10.02.2026 is Annexed herewith as ANNEXURE- F/4.

12. That the Respondent craves leave of this Hon'ble tribunal to submit further affidavit/ affidavits if necessary, in future for effective adjudication of this lis.
13. That the District Administration is fully aware and vigilant with regard to environmental protection and is taking all necessary and appropriate measures in accordance with law to safeguard and preserve the environment.
14. That the facts stated in this compliance affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and based on official records.

Identified by

Deputy Collector

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Executive Magistrate
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J. Saral
Collector & District Magistrate
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DEPONENT



VERIFICATION

I, Sri J Sonal, aged about 37 years S/o-Sri Ashim Kumar Jena, presently working as District Magistrate & Collector, Jagatsinghpur At/Po/ Dist- Jagatsinghpur do hereby solemnly and verified the contents of paragraph are true to the best of my knowledge and that I have not suppressed any material facts. I sign this verification at my office on dt. 16 February, 2026.

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Date 16.02.2026


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No. 385 /Dt. 11.02.2026

To

The Collector & District Magistrate
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Sub :- Furnishing of district -specific information for filing affidavit in OA No.133 of 2024 pending before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal ,Eastern Zone , Kolkata -Reg .

Sir ,

With reference to the subject cited above ,there are 35 nos villages of Balikuda and 67 nos villages of Erasama Block which are saline affected . Out of this 35 villages of Balikuda and 65 nos villages of Erasama block are cover under Mega Piped Water Supply Scheme Pertaining to Balikuda,Erasama,Naugaon blocks taking River water as sources . Another Mega Project Mega Piped Water Supply To 544 Villages of Ragnunathpur ,Tirtol , Erasama & Kujanga Blocks is now under implementation and will be completed by March-2027 . Beside that there are 740 nos running tube well in Balikuda Block & 1664 Tube well in Erasama Block .

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Yours Faithfully

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 Executive Engineer
 RWS&S Division Jagatsinghpur

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ANNEXURE -B/4

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MANGROVE FOREST DIVISION (WILDLIFE) RAJNAGAR

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Memo No. 923/2026

Dated, Rajnagar the 10 February 2026

To,

The Collector & District Magistrate,
Jagatsinghpur, Odisha.

Sub: Furnishing of district-specific information on plantation activities for filing of Affidavit in OA No. 133 of 2024 (Suo Motu) – "No crops, no brides: how rising seas are killing India's coastal villages" pending before the Hon'ble NGT, Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata-Reg.

Ref: Letter No. 3553 dated 07.02.2026

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am submitting herewith the detailed report regarding plantation activities carried out by the Mangrove Forest Division (Wildlife), Rajnagar, within the jurisdiction of Jagatsinghpur district.

As you are aware, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata, is adjudicating the matter in OA No. 133/2024 (Suo Motu) concerning the grave impacts of saline ingress, coastal erosion, and environmental degradation along the Odisha coast. In compliance with the Hon'ble Tribunal's directives to impleaded coastal District Magistrates for submission of factual reports and remedial action plans, this division has compiled the relevant data on "Vegetative Measures" and "Environmental Protection Works."

The enclosed report (Annexure-I) provides comprehensive details of:

1. **Mangrove and Non-Mangrove Plantations:** Locations of plantations raised along the vulnerable coastal stretches of Jagatsinghpur to act as bio-shields against tidal surges and saline ingress.
2. **Environmental Protection Measures:** Specific initiatives undertaken to stabilize the shoreline and protect the local ecology, which directly contributes to mitigating the issues of agricultural decline and groundwater contamination raised in the news item.
3. **Future Action Plan:** Proposed plantation targets aimed at further strengthening the coastal ecosystem of the district.

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Enclosure: As above (Copy of Plantation Activities report).

Yours faithfully,

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Divisional Forest Officer,

Mangrove Forest Division (WL), Rajnagar.

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Information on Plantation of Kujanga (WL) Range for filling affidavit in OA No-133 of 2024 pending before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone, Kolkata-reg.

Name of Range Kujanga (WL) Range	Year	Scheme	Mode of Plantation (AR/ANR/Avenue)	Name of Site	Area (In Ha./RKM)	No. of Seedlings planted /Hypocotyls	Remarks
	2020-21	IGC	AR	Nadiakhia	10Ha	25000	
	2020-21	IGC	ANR	Balijori	50Ha	10000	
	2020-21	GMM	ANR	Sahadabedi	20Ha	4000	
	2021-22	CAMPA	ANR	Nadiakhia	100Ha	20000	
	2021-22	CAMPA	ANR	Kansaripatia	40Ha	8000	
	2021-22	CAMPA	ANR	Jatadhar Tanda	30Ha	6000	
	2021-22	CAMPA	ANR	Balitutha	20Ha	4000	
	2021-22	CAMPA	AR	Jatadhar Tanda	20Ha	50000	
	2021-22	CAMPA	AR	Akashdia	10Ha	25000	
	2022-23	CAMPA	ANR	Jatadhar Tanda	50Ha	10000	
	2022-23	CAMPA	ANR	Sahadabedi	50Ha	10000	
	2022-23	CAMPA	ANR	Nadiakhia	50Ha	10000	
	2022-23	CAMPA	ANR	Akashdia	30Ha	6000	
	2022-23	CAMPA	ANR	Gadahareshpur	20Ha	4000	
	2022-23	CAMPA	ANR	Balitutha	20Ha	4000	
	2022-23	MISHTI	AR	Jatadhar Tanda	5Ha	22225	
	2022-23	CAMPA	AR (CA)	Padmapur	12Ha	53500	
	2022-23	CAMPA	AR (PCA)	Jatadhar Tanda	13.12Ha	33000	
	2023-24	CAMPA	ANR	Jatadhar Tanda	50Ha	25000	
	2024-25	MISHTI	AR	Jatadhar Tanda	7Ha	31115	

Memo No 145 dt 09/02/26

Submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Forest Division (WL), Rajnagar for favour of your kind information and necessary action

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DC Forest Range Officer
Kujanga (WL) Range

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Jagatsinghpur Irrigation Division, Jagatsinghpur

Letter No. 714 / Dated 10.02.2026

ANNEXURE - C/4



To: The Collector & District Magistrate
Jagatsinghpur.

Sub: Furnishing of district-specific information for filing affidavit in OA No. 133 of 2024 pending before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone, Kolkata- Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No 3553/Judicial on dated 07.02.2026.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is to inform that as per Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone, Kolkata in OA No-133 of 2024 (Suo-motu) based on the news item "No crops, no bridges: how rising seas are killing India's coastal villages" published in "The Guardian" dt 11.03.2024.

In this regards the steps have been taken to solve the issue which is arise by Hon'ble tribunal.

Present status of schemes/ project implemented in coastal areas of Jagatsinghpur district.

Completed Project

- 1) The work : "Construction of Additional sluice at Guneimuhan creek over Alaka river near Ghosaghar" is completed for an amount of Rs. 347.11 lakhs as a result 275 Ha paddy is prevented from saline water as anti saline crop.

Ongoing Project

- 1) The project namely "Raising & strengthening of saline embankment from Muguranallah to Balabhadrapur" from RD 7.00 Km to 12.87 Km (working RD 7.00 Km to 12.724 Km for Badabali to Bandar including 3 Nos Drainage sluice for an amount of 3767.37 lakhs is completed partially and closure proposal is submitted to CE&BM, MKS for approval. After approval of the closure proposal, the balance work will be done for an amount Rs1216.04 lakhs. After completion of the project on or before 2028, the anti saline crop or Paddy cultivation can be improved and also measures taken for reduction of saline ingress.
- 2) Also another project namely: "Raising & strengthening of saline embankment from Kathagadi sluice to Balabhadrapur" for as amount of Rs. 12122.00 lakhs is submitted for TAC at Govt. level. After completion of the project anti saline crop paddy cultivation can be improved and saline ingress to the area will be restricted and ground water contamination will be reduced.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

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Superintending Engineer
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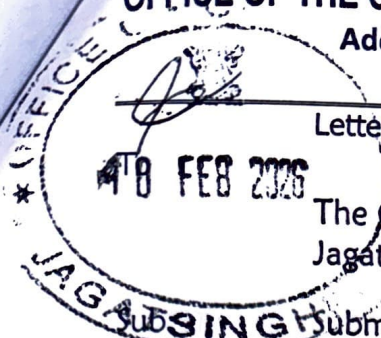
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The Collector & District Magistrate,
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ANNEXURE - D/4



Submission of Information for filling affidavit in OA No. 133 of 2024 pending before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone, Kolkata.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is to submit herewith the information for filling of affidavit regarding agriculture department. The details listed below.

1. For the management of acid soil in the costal blocks Dolomite limestone (Dolomite power) is supplied to the blocks under the National Mission on Edible Oil-Oilseeds (NMEO-OS)

Sl No.	Name of the Block	Area(In Ha.) to be taken under Acid Soil Management	Dolomite Lime stone supplied in Qntls.	Remarks
1	Kujanga	170 Ha.	425	3000Qntls of Dolomite supplied to the district during Rabi 2025-26 including Kujanga , Erasama and Balikuda block
2	Erasama	160 Ha.	400	
3	Balikuda	170 Ha.	425	
Total		500 Ha.	1250	

2. Soil testing is done for 12 parameters for 10,000 samples throughout the District around 4150 samples are collected for costal blocks and testing of the soil sample is done 2025-26. Farmers are informed through awareness camps, training meeting regarding dosage of fertilizer specific to their conditions to avoid degradation of soil and environment.

Sl No.	Name of the Block	Soil samples tested	Remarks
1	Kujanga	1350	Distribution of soil health card to the farmers is continuing
2	Erasama	1350	
3	Balikuda	1450	
Total		4150	

3. In this coastal blocks(saline area-Kujanga,Erasama,Tirtol & Balikuda) shallow tubewell installation and Digging of Borewell is not available under Govt.Subsidy (under Jananidhi Scheme) to avoid seawater intrusion and saline ingress thereoff

4. Farmers in this areas grow various saline resistant paddy varieties such as Luni Pateni,Luni Farm,Ras-15,Bhaluki,Lunishree.

5. In specific cases like flood, cyclone contingent crops (short duration crops pulses ,vegetables etc.) are grown to manage risk and to maintain soil health.

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Yours faithfully,

for Chief District Agriculture Officer,
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**OFFICE OF THE PANCHAYAT SAMITI, ERASAMA**

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Letter No. 634 /Date. 10.02.2026

To

The Collector & District Magistrate,
Jagatsinghpur.Sub: - Furnishing of district specific information for filing affidavit in OA No.133 of 2024
pending before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone, Kolkata-Reg.

Ref: - L.No.3553/Judl.Dt.7.2.2026 of Collector & District Magistrate, Jagasinghpur.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the letter on the subject cited supra, I am to furnish the following information pertaining to this office for taking further necessary action at your level.

The geographical area of this Block is 397.18 Sq Km. Consisting of 25 nos. of GPs. There are 210 nos. of revenue villages out of which 11 Nos. are un-inhabited village as per Revenue Record. This Block has 145925 populations as per 2011 census. Out of which male 73418 and female 72507. The present status of following schemes/projects implemented near Siali beach situated at Padmapur GP under this Block for peripheral development.

1. Kalanmandap is under construction near Siali Beach at Padmapur GP.
2. Rural park worth 10 lakh has been constructed out of MGNREGS
3. Model Tank with embankment worth 9 lakh has been constructed
4. Pandal near beach for public purpose has been constructed out of MPLAD.
5. Community Toilet worth 5 lakh has been made from RWSS+SFC.
6. Mission Shakti Café worth 10 lakh has been made for the interest of public.
7. Community center worth 10 lakh has been constructed at Hawa Khana, Gadaharishpur GP.
8. Market complex worth 10 lakh has been constructed near Siali beach.
9. Guard wall near Hawa khana worth 10 lakh has been made out of MGNREGS.

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10. High Tide Protection wall at Nalandi to Bahulia Gheri Nadi Bandha worth 9.6 lakh has been constructed to protect seashore erosion near Siali beach at Padampur GP for the public interest.
11. Protection sea wall Ramatara Nala Nadi worth 9.5 lakh has been made to protect seashore erosion near Siali beach at Padampur GP for the interest of public.
12. Proposal with estimate & resolution has been submitted for construction of new View Tower worth 47.55 lakh near Siali beach of Padampur GP for smooth functioning of tourist people which is awaited.

Besides above Nine(09) Nos. of Multi-Purpose Cyclone Shelter/Flood Shelter under OSDMA and 02 nos of Cyclone shelter under IRC had constructed in vulnerable GPs like Dhinkia, Ambiki, Japa, Gadakujaga, Gadaharishpur, Padampur, Goda, Nardia and Kunjakothi to keep evacuees safe during disaster. The above villages are also declared as Tsunami prone villages. Different Tsunami recognition programme is implementing in Tsunami prone villages to create awareness among inhabitants for readiness of People of vulnerable GPs.

The Mock Drill, Table Top Exercise, SHG level training, Shelter level Training, Wall painting and Cultural Programme is organizing to create a culture of preparedness amongst community and all stake holders.

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Collector & District Magistrate
Jagatsinghpur

Yours faithfully,

Block Development Officer
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The Collector & District Magistrate,
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Sub: - Letter No.3533/ Judicial dated 07/02/2026 communicated from your good office.

Sir,

With reference to matter cited above, I am to intimate that many of the activities like crop selection, saline embankments, saline water infiltration etc do not come under the perview of block administration.

However in the same context the following matter may be considered as a measure from block administration point of view.

We have 3 GPs namely Kusupur, Baramundali & Marichipur are adjacent to Bay of Bengal.

100% mega pipe water coverage has been given in the villages of this GP. For livelihood activity intense works under MGNREGS are being taken and these 3 GPs are best performing GPs in the block in terms of labour engagement & person days generation.

Though No human settlement are been reported to be damaged by Sea in Balikuda, Infrastructures are being identified and strengthened for Tsunami Readiness. Mass scale sensitization & awareness campaigns were conducted time to time.

For ground water recharge & to migrate water scarcity many no of ponds (both individual & community) level was dug & many are also in progress. The data of completed projects is given below.

Sl No	Year	Baramundali GP		Kusupur GP		Marichipur GP	
		Farm Pond	Community Tank	Farm Pond	Community Tank	Farm Pond	Community Tank
1	2021-22	1	2	34	2	1	0
2	2022-23	2	3	34	1	0	1
3	2023-24	0	9	62	2	0	1
4	2024-25	2	1	7	4	0	5
5	2025-26	3	3	0	2	4	2
Total		8	18	137	11	5	9

This is for favor of your kind information & necessary action.

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