



2026:PATHC:86492

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13653 of 2026

Devraj Kumar S/O Late Suresh Raut, Resident of Village-Purwi Kargahia,
Ward No.2, Jagjiban nagar, P.S.-Bettiah (Town), District-West Champaran,
Bettiah.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue/Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate-cum-Collector, District-West Champaran at Bettiah.
4. The Deputy Collector, Land Reform, District-West Champaran at Bettiah.
5. The Sub Divisional Officer, Bettiah, West Champaran, Bettiah.
6. The Circle Officer, Sadar Bettiah, District-West Champaran, Bettiah.
7. The Revenue Karmchari, Bettiah Sadar, Anchal-Bettiah Sadar, District-West Champaran, Bettiah.
8. The Divisional Commissioner, Muzaffarpur

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sharda Nand Mishra, Advocate
	:	Mr. Sumit Kumar Gupta, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Government Pleader (10)
	:	Mr. Satya Vrat, AC to GP-10

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 07-09-2026 Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for and is allowed to implead the Divisional Commissioner, Muzaffarpur as respondent no.8 in course of the day.

2. Heard Mr. Sharda Nand Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State counsel.

3. The present petition has been preferred for the grant of following relief(s):

“(i) for issuance of writ in the nature of





certiorari for quashing the order dated 06.07.2026 passed by District Magistrate by which rejected the applications of the petitioner on the ground the disputed land was acquired under Land Ceiling Case no.24/1964-65 and the then Welfare Department distributed the land 156 beneficiaries for rehabilitation but said very land was not accordingly transferred to Welfare Department, in this regard no record but in the list of 156 beneficiaries the father name mentioned as Late Suresh Rawat but in said very list no recommended by the competent authority and further stated that in the list name mentioned by which not clear that the beneficiary having legal right.

(ii) for further quashing the letter No.46 dated 24.03.2022 issued by Respondent No.5 namely Sub Divisional Officer, Bettiah District-West Champaran addressed to Respondent No. 6 i.e. Circle Officer Bettiah and informed that settlement of land cannot be made as Mauza- Purwi Kargahia is notified as Nagar





Nigam though all official by all formalities reported in favour of petitioner for settlement of the land as petitioner is harijan and landless person.

(iii) for hold and declare that petitioner is entitled for settlement/mutation of land in question in view of the fact that petitioner's father namely Suresh Raut was allotted land on 07.03.1967 in presence of Additional Commissioner, Bettiah and District Welfare Officer Bettiah of the Area-2 Kattha 16 Dhur in Mauza- Kargahia Bettiah, Khata No. 44, Khesra No.596/1, Area 8.76 Decimal.

(iv) for a direction to the respondent to mutate the land in the name of petitioner with regard to Khata No. 44, Khesra No. 596, Area 2 Katha 16 Dhur.

(v) for any other relief/reliefs which the petitioner found entitled in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

4. After some argument, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he shall be approaching the Divisional





Commissioner, Muzaffarpur for the redressal of the grievance.

5. Learned State counsel has no objection.

6. In that background, the writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the Divisional Commissioner, Muzaffarpur and if such petition is preferred, the Divisional Commissioner, Muzaffarpur shall be taking up the matter and after hearing all the necessary parties, passing an order in accordance with law, at an earliest.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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