



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**W.P.(C) No.3845 of 2026**

***Prafulla Kumar Sahoo***

....

***Petitioner***

*Mr. Nikhil Kumar Panigrahi,  
Proxy Counsel*

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha & others***

....

***Opposite Parties***

*Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,  
Additional Standing Counsel*

**CORAM: JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

**ORDER**

**24.03.2026**

**Order No.**

**01.**

This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

**2.** Heard Mr. Panigrahi, learned Proxy Counsel for the Petitioner, so also Mr. Biswal, learned ASC for the State, who accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos.1 and 2 and admits to have received copy of the writ petition.

**3.** The limited grievance of the Petitioner is inaction of the Sub-Collector, Khordha (Opposite Party No.2) to dispose of Mutation Appeal No.60 of 2021, which is allegedly pending till date.

**4.** In view of such limited and innocuous prayer made in the writ petition, on consent of learned Counsel for the parties, the writ petition is taken up for hearing and disposal at the stage of admission.

**5.** Learned Proxy Counsel for the Petitioner, drawing attention of this Court to the extract of the order, as at Annexure-2, submits that though the Sub-Collector,



Khordha condoned the delay in Mutation Appeal No.60 of 2021, admitted the said appeal and also was pleased to issue notice to the Opposite Parties fixing the date to 21.01.2022, as per the instruction received, the said Mutation Appeal is still pending for disposal.

**6.** Learned Counsel for the State submits that he has no objection if the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission, directing the Sub-Collector, Khordha (Opposite Party No.2) to deal with and dispose of Mutation Appeal No.60 of 2021, provided there is no other legal impediments.

**7.** Recording such submission made by learned Counsel for the parties, the writ petition stands disposed of at the stage of admission, directing the Sub-Collector, Khordha (Opposite Party No.2) to deal with and dispose of Mutation Appeal No.60 of 2021 at the earliest, preferably within a period of three months from the date of production of certified copy of this order, if the same is still pending, and there is no other legal impediments to do so.

**8.** It is made clear that the Appellate Authority shall dispose of Mutation Appeal No.60 of 2021 in accordance with law, with due notice to the private Opposite Parties, who are the Respondents to the said appeal and hearing all the concerned parties.

**9.** Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application as per rules.

**(S. K. MISHRA)**  
**JUDGE**