



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.4143 of 2026

Bhubaneswar Behera

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Petitioner

*Represented by:-
Mr. D.K. Sethy, Advocate*

-Versus -

State of Odisha & Others

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Opp. Parties

*Represented by:-
Mr. S.S. Routray,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

23.03.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The petitioner is aggrieved by the alleged refusal of the registering authority to accept the draft sale deed proposed to be submitted by him for registration. No reasons have been indicated. In fact, the document itself appears to have not been accepted.
3. This Court has time and again held that the registering authority being a functionary under the statue cannot refuse to accept a document submitted for registration. Though, the decision whether to register it or not can be taken by him.
4. In such view of the matter, the writ application is disposed of directing the Sub-Registrar, Sambalpur to accept the sale deed proposed to be submitted by the petitioner and consider the same in accordance with law
5. The Writ Petition is disposed of.

**(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge**

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