



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.13984 of 2026

Keshab Bharati & Others

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***Petitioners
Represented by***

Mr. R. Mohanty, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Another

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***Opp. Parties
Represented by***

*Mr. S.N. Patnaik,
Additional Government Advocate*

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

06.05.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
3. The petitioners are aggrieved by the alleged refusal of the Tahasildar, Chandbali to accept the mutation application proposed to be submitted by them for mutation of land. No reasons have been indicated. In fact, the application itself appears to have not been accepted.
4. This Court has time and again held that the Tahasildar being a functionary under the statute cannot refuse to accept the mutation application submitted for mutation of land though, the decision whether to mutate it or not can be taken by him.
5. In such view of the matter, the writ application is disposed of directing the Tahasildar, Chandbali to accept the mutation



application proposed to be submitted by the petitioners and consider the same in accordance with law.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

Puspanjali