



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.12140 OF 2023

Shamim Akhtar and others* *Petitioners

Mr. Goutam Mukherji, Senior Advocate
being assisted by Mr. Amlan Mishra, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others* *Opp. Parties

Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,
Additional Standing Counsel
(for Opp. Party Nos.1 to 4)
Mrs. Debadeepta Sahoo, Advocate
(for Intervenor)

**CORAM:
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA
JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

**ORDER
18.03.2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. Pursuant to the order dated 29th January, 2026, Shri Rakesh Kumar Parida, working as Tahasildar Berhampur, is present in Court in person.
 3. A counter affidavit has also been filed by Opposite Party No.4, which is available on record.
 4. Responding to such counter affidavit, the Petitioner has filed an affidavit stating that thirty-four persons, similarly situated with that of the Petitioner, have been settled with “Gramakantha Paramboke” nature of land.
 5. We enquired from Mr. Parida, the Tahasildar Berhampur with regard to veracity of the averments made in the affidavit



filed by the Petitioners. He is not readily posted with the instructions regarding that. Mr. Biswal, learned Additional Standing Counsel, however, prays for an adjournment to take detailed instruction in that regard and appraise the Court on the next date.

6. Put up this matter on 27th April, 2026, by which date instructions shall be imparted to learned State Counsel and affidavit, if any, shall be filed serving copy thereof on learned counsel for the Petitioners.

7. Learned counsels for the parties are requested to file their respective event charts, written notes of submission along with citations to assist the Court for final disposal of the writ petition on the next date.

8. Personal appearance of Shri Rakesh Kumar Parida, the Tahasildar Berhampur, is dispensed with for the time being.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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