



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C). No. 14051 of 2026

Sunil Kumar Ray

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Petitioner

Represented by

Mr. A.Rath, Advocate

-Versus -

***State of Odisha and
Ors***

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Opposite Parties

Represented by

Mr. S.N.Pattnaik, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

08.05.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The petitioner has approached this Court with the following prayer:

It is, therefore most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ application, call for the records and issue notice to the Opposite Parties to show cause as to why an appropriate writ or direction shall not be passed by declaring that Section 22 of the OLR Act is not applicable to land of the Petitioner and further direct the Registering Authority (Opp.No.4 and also Opp.no.3 to act in accordance with the directions contained in the case of Hemant Naik v. State of Odisha & Ors. 2014 (II)OLR 588 & further direct the Opp. No.4 to register the sale deed as and when presented by the Petitioner in favour of the Opp. No. 5.

And this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to pass any other appropriate Writ(s)/Order(s)/Direction(s) as it may deem just & proper for the ends of justice, equity & fairplay.

And for this act of kindness the petitioner shall ever pray.



3. It is submitted by the petitioner that his case is squarely covered by the ratio decided in the case of ***Hemanta Naik vs. State of Odisha*** in W.P.(C). No. 27920 of 2023 and batch wherein a coordinate Bench of this Court held as follows:

“18. In the result this court disposes of all the writ petitions granting liberty to each Petitioner to approach the competent Revenue Authority, i.e. concerned Tahasildar to give his opinion on the usability of the land and in such event the concerned Tahasildar is directed to give his opinion in respect of each specific land of respective Petitioners regarding its usability for agricultural purpose any more in the present scenario, within a period of 60 days from the date of application. Depending upon the opinion of the Revenue Authority, the Petitioners are at liberty to approach the registering officer again.”

4. Since the petitioner’s prayer is similar to the grievance of the petitioners in the batch of writ applications, the present writ application is disposed of directing the Tahasildar, Sadar Sambalpur to consider the grievance of the petitioner in light of the judgment passed in ***Hemanta Naik (supra)*** within two months from today. The petitioner shall file a certified copy of this order and the aforementioned judgment before the Tahasildar.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

Deepak