



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.17367 of 2026

Noel Khakha and others ***Petitioners***

Mr. Upendra Kumar Samal, Senior Advocate
Being assisted by Mr. Siba Prasad Patra, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

22.06.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. Heard Mr. Samal, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the Petitioners and Mr. Biswal, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
 3. Mr. Biswal, learned Additional Standing Counsel is directed to take instruction regarding steps taken pursuant to the representation of the Petitioners dated 28th March, 2025 at Annexure-6. He shall also take instruction as to whether the report of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was placed before the Assembly and the consequence thereof.
 4. Put up this matter on 27th July, 2026.
 - 4.1. In the meantime, instruction on the same shall be filed in shape of an Affidavit of a responsible Officer serving copy thereof on the learned counsel for the Petitioners.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge