



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.19414 of 2026

Ranjit Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. A.C. Behera, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Others

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. S.B. Panda, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER
08.07.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
2. 2. By means of this application, the Petitioner seeks for the following relief:-

“Therefore, it is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ Application issue Rule NISI for calling upon the Opp. Parties particularly opp. Party No.3 for show cause as to why the direction will not be issued for settlement of the land as per the entitlement of the petitioner. This Hon'ble Court may make its rule absolute if no Show Cause or insufficient show cause is filed by the said opp. Party. This Hon'ble court may hear the matter from the parties and direct in the writ of mandamus to the opp. party No.3 for the settlement of the land in favour of the petitioner as per the agreement executed in the year 1952. Or this Hon'ble Court may further be pleased to direct to the Collector Balangir - Opp. Party No.3 to dispose of the representation dtd. 12.04.2026 under Annexure-4 within a stipulated time by providing adequate opportunity of hearing to the petitioner for the interest of justice and equity.”

3. 3. Mr. Behera, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that he has moved a representation before the authority i.e. the Collector and District Magistrate, Balangir for appropriate direction to the Tahasildar for settlement of the Bhogra land



standing in his name, in respect to the property existing in village Tendipali, in accordance with law.

4. As seen from the case record, the land in question was not taken into account for registration in recording the name of the Petitioner during the settlement proceeding. The Petitioner too did not proceed further in the appropriate forum under the Orissa Survey and Settlement Act.

5. Be that as it may, after lapse of several years, he moved a representation before the Collector and District Magistrate, Balangir, praying for recording his name under the Bhogra conversion case being one of the legal heirs. While this Court does not appreciate the aforesaid action of the Petitioner in submitting the representation before the Collector and District Magistrate, Balangir after lapse of so many years instead of proceeding in the appropriate forum under the Orissa Survey and Settlement Act is incline to give reprieve by directing the District Magistrate and Collector to dispose of the representation.

6. The objection raised by Mr. Panda, learned AGA, that the representation submitted by the Petitioner is with an ulterior motive is not supported by formidable reasons.

7. While disposing the Writ application, therefore, a direction is issued to the Collector and District Magistrate, Balangir i.e. the Opp. Party No.3 to dispose of the representation of the Petitioner, in accordance with the law within a period of sixty days and communicate the order thereof within a period of two weeks thereafter. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case.



8. In view of the above, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

A free copy of the order be supplied to the learned State Counsel for onward transmission to the authority concerned to ensure compliance.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

Sarbani