



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.20451 of 2026

Thomas Badra

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Dwivedy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Others

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. U.C. Behura, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

09.07.2026

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01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
2. By means of this application, the Petitioner seeks for the following relief:-
 - “(a) Issue rule NISI calling upon the Opp. Party to show cause as to why writ in the nature of mandamus or any other writ shall not be issued directing that section 22 OLR Act is not applicable to Gharabari land belongs to Schedule Cast and Schedule Tribe within the Urban area.*
 - (b) Further issue rule NISI calling upon the Opp. Party to show cause as to why writ in the nature of mandamus or any other writ shall not be issued to publish necessary notification to exclude Gharabari land of SC/ST from OLR Act in the urban area. If Opp. Parties fails to show cause or show insufficient cause make the aforesaid rule absolute.*
 - (c) Direct the Registering Officer (Opp.No.3) to register the sale deed of the petitioner for sale of land situated at Mouza -Sambalpur Town Unit No.2 Dhanupali, Tahasil-Sambalpur admeasuring A0.0700 dec, kisam Gharabari”*
3. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the writ application is disposed of granting liberty to the Petitioner to file an appropriate application before the concerned Tahasildar for issuance of a certificate regarding the usability of the land.



4. Upon receipt of such application, the concerned Tahasildar shall examine the same and submit his opinion with regard to the usability of the land as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the application.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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