



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 20700 of 2026

Vaibhav Agarwal

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Petitioner

*Represented by
Mr. A.Tripathy, Advocate*

-Versus -

State of Odisha and Another

....

Opp. Parties

*Represented by
Mr. S.S. Routray,
A.S.C.*

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

17.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The petitioner has approached this Court with the following prayer:-

“On the aforesaid premises, it is, therefore, humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to;

(i) hold and declare that Govt. RDM Dept. letter dt.02.07.2025 undeⁿ Annexure-4 was /is not 10 applicable to petitioner's Plot No.1678/2713 in Khata No.731/434 in Mouza - Kalarahanga and thereby further hold and declare that the impugned unilateral initiation of sou-moto Mutation Misc. Case No.5992/2025 and orders passed thereon and impugned change of Status of the plot in question from "Dakhal Satwa Sunya-Gharabari status" to "Pattadar" in Annexure-5 as bad, illegal and void abinitio being contrary to law settled by this Hon'ble court in Kunjalata (supra) and also violative of the mandatory principles of natural justice and a nullity in the eye of law; and thereby;



ii) *quash the sou-moto Mutation Misc. Case No.5992/2025 and orders passed thereon with impugned ROR in Annexure-5 with a direction to the OP.No.2 to correct the ROR of petitioner's Plot No.1678/2713 in Khata No.73I/434 in Mouza-Kalarahanga and prepare afresh with Stitiban Status in terms of recent decision in Gargi Das vs. State of Odisha & others & batch within a stipulated period;*

and

iii) *pass such other order(s) as deemed fit and proper in the bonafide interest of justice;*

And for which act of your kindness, petitioner shall as in duty bound, ever pray."

4. It is stated at the bar that the case of the petitioner is covered by the judgment rendered by this Court recently in the case of ***Gargi Dash v. State of Odisha & Others*** [W.P.(C) No.2870 of 2026] & Batch.

5. Considering the submissions as above, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar to consider the prayer of the petitioner in light of the aforementioned judgment of this Court. A decision in this regard shall be taken within six weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order by the petitioner.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

Pravakar