



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.20702 of 2026

Kumudini Panda

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Petitioner

Mr. A. Tripathy, 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. By means of this application, the Petitioner seeks a direction to Opposite Party No.2-Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar to record Plot No.289/3561 under Khata No.722/214, measuring Ac.0.300 decimals, Kissam-Gharabari, Mouza-Patrapada, District-Khurda under "Sthitiban" status in terms of the law laid down by this Court in the common judgment dated 22.05.2026 passed in ***Gargi Dash vs. State of Odisha & others*** in W.P.(C) No.2870 of 2026 (and batch cases).
2. Mr. Tripathy, learned counsel for the Petitioner, contends that the Petitioner derived title over the land in question by virtue of a registered Gift Deed dated 04.07.2012 and her name has since been mutated in the Record-of-Rights. It is further stated that the Kissam of the land has also been converted to Gharabari under Section 8-A of the Odisha Land Reforms Act and the Record-of-Rights stands published accordingly. The grievance of the Petitioner is that despite the decision by the Coordinate Bench in



Gargi Dash (supra), her request for recording the land under “Sthitiban” status has not been acceded to

3. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the materials available on record, this Court finds that the claim of the Petitioner requires consideration by the competent authority. Merely because the Petitioner was not a party to the said batch of writ petitions cannot by itself be a ground to decline consideration of her claim, if she is otherwise similarly situated and entitled to the benefit of the principles laid down therein.

4. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim of the Petitioner, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to Opposite Party No.2-Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar to consider the claim of the Petitioner for recording of the land in question under “Sthitiban” status in the light of the law laid down in *Gargi Dash* (supra) and pass a reasoned order in accordance with law after affording an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner.

5. The aforesaid exercise shall be completed within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of communication of this order.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge