



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.22922 of 2025

Kunal Mallick

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. Susanta Kumar Lenka Adv.

-versus-

The State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opposite Party (s)

Mr. Debashish Nayak, AGA

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

22.08.2025

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this Writ Petition, the Petitioner claiming himself to be a landless person, has sought for a direction from this Court to the Opposite Parties for settling the disputed property in question in his favour taking into account his long possession over the said property as per the provision under Section 8-A of the OPLE Act.
3. Heard.
4. Learned counsel for the State, at the outset, submits that the Petitioner in order to redress his grievance should have made an appropriate application as per the provision under Section 8-A of the OPLE Act instead of preferring this Writ Petition.
5. In such view of the matter, this Court without going into the merits of the case of the Petitioner, directs the Petitioner

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to apply for settlement of the disputed property in question under the prescribed format provided under the OPLE Act within a period of fifteen working days hence. In such event, the authority concerned shall consider the said application of the Petitioner in accordance with law within a period of three months thereafter.

6. It is further directed that till a decision on the application for the above purpose to be filed by the Petitioner is taken, no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner pursuant to the dispute involved herein.

7. This Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K. Panigrahi)
Judge

Ayaskanta

