



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.24606 OF 2025

Satya Narayan Singh

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Petitioner

Mr. Susanta Kumar Jethy,. Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Bibekananda Nayak,
Additional Government Advocate
(for O.P. Nos.1,2 , 4 & 5)
Ms. Pratyusha Naidu, Advocate
(for Commissioner of Endowments)

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

26.03.2026

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05. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Petitioner, in this writ petition, prays for the following relief:-

“In the above facts and circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously, be pleased to admit the writ petition, issue Rule Nisi calling upon the opposite parties to show cause as to why the relief made hereunder shall not be allowed and upon receipt of show cause/insufficient cause/no cause shown, made the rule absolute and allow the writ petition;

- I) *Direct the Vigilance or any other appropriate authority to caused an enquiry in respect of the property of Sri Gopal jew @ Bauli Babaji Math, Lala Sahi Bije Jagatsinghpur and restore the property of the deity.*
- II) *Direct the authority to revert back the landed property of the Sri Gopal Jew @ Bauli Babaji Math, Lala Sahi Bije Jagatsinghpur by cancelling the sale deed made*



*illegally without permission from the Endowment Commissioner under section 19 of the OHRE Act.
And may further be pleased to pass such other order/orders, direction /directions as deem fit and proper
And for which act of kindness, the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."*

3. It is submitted by Mr. Jethy, learned counsel that the Petitioner is the Interim Trustee of Sri Gopal Jew alias Bauli Babaji Math, At-Markandpur, P.O.-Punanga, Dist-Jagatsinghpur. After he took over charge as the Interim Trustee of the religious institution, he came to know that some persons (not made parties to the writ petition) have unauthorizedly occupied the immovable properties of the said religious institution. In spite of his best efforts, he could not evict them. Hence this writ petition has been filed.

4. The writ petition was listed on 12th February, 2026 when Mr. Jethy, learned counsel for the Petitioner sought for an adjournment to take instruction as to whether the Petitioner should take shelter in the Court of the Commissioner of Endowments, Odisha, Bhubaneswar under Section 25 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1951 (for brevity, 'the Act') to recover the possession of the immovable properties of the religious institution.

5. Today Mr. Jethy, learned counsel for the Petitioner, on instruction, submits that the Petitioner shall move the Commissioner of Endowments, Odisha, Bhubaneswar under Section 25 of the Act for redressal of the grievances of the religious institution. Hence, he prays for withdrawal of the writ petition to enable him to avail the statutory remedy.

6. Ms. Naidu, learned counsel for the Commissioner of Endowments has no objection to the prayer made by the Petitioner.



7. Hence, the writ petition is disposed of as withdrawn with an observation that the Petitioner, if so advised, may avail the statutory remedy for eviction of the unauthorized occupants from the immovable properties of the religious institution.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order on proper application.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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