



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.27321 of 2025

Panchanan Swain

Petitioner

Mr. Pradeep Kumar Das,
Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

Opposite Parties

Mrs. Sarita Moharana,
ASC

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI
ORDER
10.10.2025

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this Writ Petition, the Petitioner has challenged the notice to show cause vide Annexure-1 issued by the Additional Tahasildar, Jharsuguda/Opposite Party No.4 in Encroachment Case No.309/25.
3. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that since the disputed property in question falls within the territorial jurisdiction of the Jharsuguda Municipality, the Additional Tahasildar, Jharsuguda has no authority to issue the notice of eviction or notice to show cause vide

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Annexure-1. He, accordingly, prays for allowing the prayer made in this Writ Petition.

5. Be that as it may, since the Petitioner has been issued with the notice to show cause vide Annexure-1, this Court directs the Petitioner to file his reply to the show cause notice vide Annexure-1 explaining the jurisdiction issue within a period of fifteen working days hence. In such event, the Additional Tahasildar, Jharsuguda shall drop the said encroachment proceeding and refer the matter to the concerned authority of the Jharsuguda Municipality for taking appropriate step.

6. It is further directed that till a decision on the reply of the Petitioner is taken, no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner pursuant to the impugned notice to show cause vide Annexure-1.

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

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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