



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.28304 of 2026

[CNR No.ODHC010670512026]

Rama Bagmia & Ors.

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. S. Samantaray, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Party(s)

Mr. Debasish Nayak, AGA (for O.P. Nos.1 to 4)

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

11.09.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. By filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioners have prayed for the following reliefs:

"Therefore, it is prayed that, the writ petition may be admitted, the records may be called for and after hearing the parties the writ petition may be allowed;

BY

directing the opposite parties-authorities to immediately conduct a joint spot enquiry and physical demarcation of the disputed forest land; by directing the opposite parties-authorities to evict the private opposite parties from the disputed forest land forthwith;

AND



by directing the opposite parties-authorities to restrain the private opposite parties from cutting standing trees, destroying plantation or altering the natural character of the said forest land;

AND

by granting any other order/orders or direction /direction so as to give complete relief to the petitioners."

3. Heard.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners are the permanent residents of village-Karadaguda under Mathili Police Station, in the District of Malkangiri. He further contends that there exists a substantial patch of Govt. forest land under Mouza- Dhungiaput, Khata No.250 comprising Plot Nos.1372, 1373, 1374 & 1375. The Opposite Party Nos.5 to 10 have illegally entered upon the said forest area, cut standing trees, destroyed plantation raised by the Forest Department and attempted to convert the said land into agricultural fields for personal commercial gain.

5. Issue notice.

6. Learned counsel for the State accepts and waives of notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos.1 to 4. Let four extra copies of the brief be served on him, who shall obtain instructions in the matter.



7. Notice be issued to Opposite Party Nos.5 to 10 by Speed Post with A.D., making the same returnable by 5th October, 2026. Requisites for issuance of notice shall be filed within three working days from today.
8. List this matter on 6th October, 2026.
9. As an interim measure, it is directed that the Opposite Party Nos.5 to 10 are hereby restrained from cutting standing trees, destroying plantation or altering the natural character of the said forest land, till the next date of listing of this matter.
10. Web copy of this order downloaded from the official website of this Court shall be treated as an authenticated copy.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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