



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 27106 of 2024

Saibu Mohanta and another

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Petitioners

Mr. Manoj Kumar Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. Sanjay Rath, Additional Government Advocate

**CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN**

ORDER

18.02.2026

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- 01.** **1.** The instant Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is at the behest of the villagers alleging inaction on the part of the authorities in not removing the encroachment from the Government lands i.e., Govt. Rakhita Khata No.65, bearing Plot No.432, area Ac 4.870 decimal, Kisam-Gramya Jungla, plot No.428, area Ac 2.190 decimal, Kissam-Gramya Jungle, plot No.450, area Ac 1.940 dec. kissam-Unnat Jojanajogya, and Khata No.67, plot No.434, area Ac 0.67 dec., plot No.452, area Ac 2.27 dec., plot No.609 area Ac 0.63 dec., Plot No.610, area Ac 1.83 dec. and plot No.427 area Ac 0.58 decimal, situated in Mouza-Pratap Pasi under Champua Tahasil in the District of Keonjhar.



2. Mr. Sanjay Rath, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-opposite parties submits on instruction that several cases for removal of encroachment have already been initiated but whether there are more encroachers on the said Government lands or not, it requires a field inspection, which is due tomorrow i.e., on 19th February, 2026. He thus prays for an accommodation, so that the actual state of affairs may be brought to this Court concerning the allegations and/or issues raised in the instant PIL.

3. Let this matter be listed on 11th March, 2026, when the State shall file an affidavit disclosing the steps taken in this regard.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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