



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 30864 of 2025

Jagdish Kumbhar & Ors.

..... *Petitioner(s)*

Mr. Suraj Mohanty, Adv.

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

..... *Opposite Party (s)*

Mr. Debasish Nayak, AGA

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

30.10.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. In filing this Writ Petition, the Petitioners have sought for a direction from this Court to the Opposite Party No.4/Tahasildar, Saintala to consider their application filed under OPLE Act vide Annexure-4. Further, the Petitioners seek for a direction from this Court to the Opposite Party No.4 to settle the land in question in their favour.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners have filed an application under Section 8(A) of the OPLE Act before the Tahasildar, Saintala for settlement of



the land in question in their favour. However, the said application has not yet been considered by the Tahasildar.

5. Upon perusal of the said application, it reveals that the Petitioners have filed only a representation which is not in connivance with the spirit of the OPLE Act.
6. In view of the above, the Petitioners are directed to approach the Opposite Party No.4/Tahasildar, Saintala afresh for settlement of the land in question in their favour as per the provision under Section 8(A) of the OPLE Act, 1972 by filing of an application along with all the documents within fifteen working days hence and the Tahasildar shall dispose of the said application of the Petitioners within a period of one month from the date of filing of the application.
7. In the meantime, the Petitioners are directed to file reply to the 'Ka' Form issued by the Opposite Party No.4/ Tahasildar Saintala narrating this fact within a period of fifteen days from today. In such event, the Tahsildar, Saintala shall accept the same and pass an appropriate order in accordance with law.
8. It is further directed that till filing of the reply to the show cause, no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioners.



9. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

10. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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