



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 32321 OF 2025

Manasibala Nayak

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Petitioner

Mr. Subrata Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

Order No.

ORDER
25.02.2026

4.
 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. Petitioner in this Writ Petition prays for a direction to Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar-Opposite Party No.2 to consider and dispose of the application (Annexure-1) filed by her for settlement of a piece of government land under Odisha Government Land Settlement Act, 1962 (for brevity 'the Act').
 3. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the Petitioner, in course of argument, submitted that the land pertaining to Khata No.766, Plot No. 1884/2561/ 6646, area Ac.0.110 decimal out of Ac.0.485 decimal situates in Village - Kalarahanga (for brevity, 'the case land') is not coming under the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation. Hence, this Court, vide order dated 3rd February, 2026, directed learned State Counsel to take instruction as to whether mouza Kalarahanga comes within the local limit of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation or not.



4. Mr. Dash, learned ASC on instruction from Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar submits that mouza Kalarahanga comes under the control and jurisdiction of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation. It is also submitted on instruction that mouza Kalarahanga (Sl. No.287) along with 555 villages are coming under the freezing zone, vide Government of Odisha Gazette Notification No.1879 dated 21st August, 2011. Hence, the Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar has no jurisdiction to entertain an application for settlement of government land in village Kalarahanga.

5. Written instruction submitted by Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar vide letter No.71 dated 24th February, 2026 is taken on record.

6. In view of the above, the prayer made in the Writ Petition cannot be entertained. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge