



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.A. No. 1683 OF 2022

Alme Bidika and others *Appellants*

Mr. Anam Charan Panda, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Suru Anuradha and others *Respondents*

Mr. Bibekananda Nayak,
Additional Govt. Advocate
(For Respondent nos. 2,3 & 4)

Mr. S.S. Rao, Senior Advocate
(For Respondent No.1)

Mr. Nihar Ranjan Mohanty, Advocate
(For Respondent Nos.5, 6 & 7)

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

19.02.2026

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05.

I.A. No. 366 of 2023

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. This is an application for condonation of delay of 48 days in filing the Writ Appeal.
3. Since the appellants are Scheduled Tribe persons and were not made parties in the Writ Petition, they could not know about the order passed in the said Writ Petition, which is impugned herein.
4. In view of the above, Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the appellants submits that delay in filing the Writ Appeal is bona fide and not intentional and therefore, he prays for condoning the delay and to hear the Writ Appeal on merit.
5. Mr. S.S. Rao, learned Senior Advocate appearing for respondent no.1 submits that the Writ Appeal itself is not maintainable as the land loser himself admitted before the authorities that he had sold the land before the proceeding under



the Odisha Scheduled Areas (Transfer of Immovable Properties) Regulation, 1956 was initiated.

6. Learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos.5, 6 and 7 has no objection to the prayer for condonation of delay.

7. Taking into consideration the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, this Court feels that delay in filing the Writ Appeal has been sufficiently explained. Hence, delay in filing the Writ Appeal is condoned.

8. I.A. is disposed of.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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06. Put up this matter on 21st March 2026 under the heading 'Fresh Admission'.

Interim order dated 01.03.2023 passed in I.A. No. 3936 of 2022 shall continue till the next date.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge