



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C). No.4708 of 2026

Ashish Pramanick

.... *Petitioner*
Mr. Sidheswar Rath, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & others

.... *Opposite Parties*
Ms. Aishwarya Dash, ASC

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

Order No.
01.

ORDER
09.04.2026

1. It is submitted by Sri Sidheswar Rath, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that without calling for proper records to verify the nexus of the petitioner in the alleged fraudulent activity in possessing the property in question, the Assistant Settlement Officer, Rental Colony, Bhubaneswar, opposite party no.3 as if sitting in appeal against the order of his predecessor, passed an adverse order on 10.05.2013.

1.1. It is further submitted that pursuant to notice in Rent Objection Case No.11416/1478/2013 fixing date to 10.05.2013 for hearing, the petitioner appeared and furnished documents during current settlement operation. But, on an erroneous appreciation of fact and ignoring such documents, the land in question has been recorded in the Government khata with the status "*Abada Jogya Anabadi*".

1.2. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the Assistant Settlement Officer has no jurisdiction.

2. Ms. Aishwarya Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State submitted that against the impugned order,



remedy of revision under Section 15(b) of the Odisha Survey and Settlement Act, 1958 is available for the petitioner.

3. Though such submission has been advanced by the learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State, since the question of jurisdiction of the Assistant Settlement Officer is raised by Sri Rath, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, keeping the point of maintainability of this writ petition open for argument at the final stage of hearing, issue notice to the opposite parties.

4. Ms. Aishwarya Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel appears and waives service of notice on behalf of opposite party nos.1, 2 and 3. She seeks an accommodation to obtain instruction in the matter.

5. Issue notice to the opposite party nos.4 to 8 by Speed Post with A.D., requisites for which shall be filed within three working days. In the event of furnishing such requisites within the period stipulated, the Office shall send the notice to the said opposite parties by fixing a short returnable date.

6. List this matter in the week commencing 04.05.2026.

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7. Issue notice as above.

8. Accept one set of process fee.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge