



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.3785 of 2026

Raju Meher

....

Petitioner

Mr. A.C. Behera, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & another

....

Opp. Parties

Ms. S. Pattanayak, AGA

**CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

ORDER

08.07.2026

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01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
2. By means of this application, the Petitioner seeks the following prayer:-

“Therefore, it is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ petition. Issue rule Nisi for calling upon the Opp. parties particularly opp. party No. 5 for show cause as to why the direction will not be issued for settlement of the encroached Govt. land in favour of the petitioner as he has been possessing the same more than 70 years since his fore fathers as a landless and poor in nature. This Hon'ble court be pleased to make its rule absolute if the said opp. party fails to submit sufficient cause or show insufficient cause and after hearing from the parties direct in the writ of mandamus to the Opp. Party No.5-Tahasildar, Rampur to consider the request made by the Petitioner on 24.11.2025 under Annexure - 3 and initiate a proceeding for settlement of the encroached govt. land in favour of the petitioner within a stipulated time.

This Hon'ble Court be pleased to grant liberty to the petitioner to approach before the appellate authority (u/s 12 of OPLE Act.) against the order of eviction by keeping abeyance the said eviction notice until disposal of the appeal.”



3. Mr. Behera, learned counsel for the Petitioner, in course of the hearing seeks the liberty to approach the appropriate authority in accordance with law under the relevant statute.

4. In view of the above, prayer is allowed. The Petitioner is permitted to withdraw the Writ Petition with liberty to approach the appropriate court in accordance with the statute.

5. In the event, the Petitioner approaches the appropriate authority within a period of fifteen days from today, no coercive action shall be taken against him till then.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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