

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4130 of 2023

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Sima Sinha @ Seema Sinha W/o Late Jitendra Kumar Sinha @ Jitendra Sinha
Resident of Village- Jainagra, P.S.- Tilauthu, District- Rohtas, at present
Santoshi Maa Path, Gali No.- 10D to C, Gaurakshani, Ward No. 5, Sasaram,
District- Rohtas. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue and Land Reforms, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director, Consolidation, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector, Rohtas, District- Rohtas, Sasaram.
4. The Circle Officer, Tilauthu, District- Rohtas.
5. Mst. Fulkuer Devi, W/o Late Bajrang Sevak Resident of Village- Tilauthu, P.S.- Tilauthu, District- Rohtas.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rakesh Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Md. Khurshid alam, (AAG12)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

2 02-08-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2.The present writ petition has been filed for setting
aside the order dated 25.06.1999 passed by the Director,
Consolidation, Bihar, Patna in Case No.341 of 1998.

3. After some arguments, learned counsel for the
petitioner seeks permission prefer an appropriate application
before the Bihar Land Tribunal, in view of the provisions of
Sections 9 and 15 of the Bihar Land Tribunal Act, 2009 (Bihar
Act 9 of 2009), which reads as under :-

***“9. Powers of the Tribunal. - (1) The
Tribunal shall have the power to entertain any
application against the final order passed by the
Appropriate Authorities under the Acts/ Manuals,
mentioned below, within 90 days of such an order
provided no other forum of appeal or revision against
the order passed is provided in that Act/ Manuals:***

(i) *The Bihar Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling Area and Acquisition of Surplus Land) Act, 1961.*

(ii) *The Bihar Land Reforms Act, 1950.*

(iii) *The Bihar Tenancy Act, 1885.*

(iv) *The Bihar Consolidation of Holdings and Prevention of Fragmentation Act, 1956.*

(v) [xxx]

(vi) *The Bihar Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1954.*

(vii) *The Bihar Privileged Persons Homestead Tenancy Act, 1947.*

(viii) *The Bihar Government Estates Manual, 1953.*

(ix) *The Bihar Settlement Manual.*

(x) *Bihar Land Disputes Resolution Act, 2009.*

(xi) *Bihar Special Survey and Settlement Act, 2011.*

(xii) *Bihar Land Mutation Act, 2011.*

It shall be open to the State Government to add or remove any Law/Manual in or from the list hereinafore mentioned.

(2) In addition, the Tribunal shall decide any case transferred to it by the Government of Bihar or by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Patna with regard to any other revenue or land reforms Law/Manual for the time being in force.

(3) The Tribunal shall have powers vested in the Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) including the power to recommend to punish for Contempt of Court.

15. Transfer of proceedings pending in Patna High Court/ State Government to the Tribunal. - *All cases connected with the Acts/ Manuals dealt with under Section 9 of this Act and pending in the High Court of Judicature at Patna but excluding writ petitions filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India and cases pending with the State Government, immediately before the commencement of this Act, as could have been within the jurisdiction of such*

Tribunal, and cases arising after the commencement of this Act, as would have been within the jurisdiction of such Tribunal, shall stand transferred to the Tribunal with effect from the said date of commencement:

Provided further that it shall be open to the High Court of Judicature at Patna to remit the dispute pending adjudication in any writ proceeding before it for adjudication by the Tribunal.”

4. Since the present writ petition relates to the Bihar Consolidation of Holdings and Prevention of Fragmentation Act, 1956, (Bihar Act 22 of 1956) which is a schedule Act, under Section 9 of the Bihar Land Tribunal Act, 2009 (Bihar Act 9 of 2009), this Court is of the opinion that the matter can well be adjudicated by the Tribunal

5. Accordingly, in view of proviso to Section 15 of the Bihar Land Tribunal Act, 2009, the Registry is directed to transmit the record of this case to the Tribunal forthwith.

6. However, it is expected that the Tribunal will hear and dispose off the case within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of record of this case after sending and service of notices to all the parties concerned, including the petitioner.

(Dr. Anshuman, J.)

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