

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.12772 of 2025

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Ranjeet Kumar Son of Late Briju Prasad @ Late Briju Prasad, Resident of
Village/Mohalla- Rekson, Police Station- Ekangarsarai, District Nalanda.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and
Land Reforms Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector -Cum-District Magistrate, Nalanda.
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Hilsa, District Nalanda.
4. The Circle Officer, Circle Office, Ekangarsarai, District - Nalanda.
5. Ramnath Prasad @ Ramnath Singh Son of Late Vishundev Prasad, Resident
of Village Rekson, Police Station Ekangarsarai, District - Nalanda.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Tej Narayan Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Additional Advocate General (12)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 16-06-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel representing the Respondent-State.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
against the order passed by the Circle Officer, Ekangarsarai,
Nalanda in Encroachment Case No. 03 of 2024-2025, the
petitioner is said to have filed an appeal under Section 11 of
Bihar Public Land Encroachment Act, 1956 on 27.12.2024.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that during pendency



of the appeal, the Circle Officer, Ekangarsarai is threatening to evacuate this petitioner from the land in question for which the petitioner has preferred an appeal and, for unexplained reason, the said appeal is not being adjudicated by the District Magistrate, Nalanda.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State submits that since an appeal bearing Land Encroachment Appeal No. 31/2024 filed by the petitioner is already pending before the District Magistrate, Nalanda, an appropriate direction may be issued to the appellate authority for adjudicating the same by framing a timeline.

5. Considering the submissions of the parties, this Court finds it appropriate to direct the District Magistrate, Nalanda to adjudicate the said appeal within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt/production of this order, if the same has not yet been adjudicated till date. The orders so passed shall be communicated to the petitioner after the disposal of the case.

6. Meanwhile, *status quo* in connection with Encroachment Case No. 03 of 2024-2025, shall be maintained till the adjudication of the Encroachment Appeal pending before the Appellate Authority.



7. Accordingly the writ petition is disposed of in
above terms.

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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