IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.29021 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010686672026

Kalpataru Panda …. ***Petitioner***

Ms. Deepali Mahapatra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others …. ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. Debasish Nayak, Addl. Government Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

Order No. **25.11.2026**

03. ***1.*** This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a direction to the opposite parties to settle the land pertaining to Sabik Khata No.122, Plot No.666 corresponding to Hal Khata No.917, Plot No.1973, area Hect.0.030R in Mouza: Jiringipada under Kandhamal Tahasil in his favour as per the provisions of the Odisha Government Land Settlement Act, 1962 and the Rules framed thereunder, as the petitioner is in possession of the said land, since 1960.

3. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been possessing the suit land from the year, 1960. The petitioner made an application before the concerned authority for settlement of the land in question. By efflux of time, the original Khata has been divided into two parts, i.e., Khata Nos.155 and 122,

Plot Nos.665 and 666. Due to ill-luck, one part of the property has been settled and the other part remained in Government Khata. However, the petitioner is in possession of the land and has constructed his house over Sabik Khata No.155, Plot No.665 of area Hect.0.035 R, which is equivalent to Ac.0.03 decimals and the rest part which was settled is being used as courtyard.

3.1. It is further contended that the petitioner has paid the land premium as per the assessment made by the Revenue Authority. Furthermore, the petitioner is ready and willing to pay the value of the land and that there is no impediment on the part of the Government to settle the land in favour of the petitioner.

4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel has contended that if the petitioner has any grievance, he may approach the appropriate authority as per the provisions contained under the Odisha Government Land Settlement Act, 1962 and the Rules framed thereunder.

5. Considering the limited grievance made in this writ petition as well as the submissions made by learned counsel for the respective parties, the petitioner is directed to approach the Tahasildar, Kandhamal (opposite party No.4) ventilating his grievance afresh by way of an application as per the provisions of Odisha Government Land Settlement Act, 1962 and the Rules framed thereunder within a period of two weeks from today. In the event, such an application is filed along with a copy of this order, the application shall be considered and disposed of by the Tahasildar within a period of three months from the date of filing of the application. It is clarified

that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merit of the case. The authority may consider the grievance of the petitioner without being influenced by any of the observations made herein above.

6. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. Pending Interlocutory Application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(Dr.Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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