IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.30976 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010736312026

Nimain Mohapatra and others ..... **Petitioners**

Represented by Adv.
Mr. Digambara
Mishra

-versus-

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

Represented by

Mr. D. Lenka, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No. 01

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Government Advocate for the State.

3. The petitioners have approached this Court with the following prayer:-

> *"It is therefore, humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously be pleased to issue Rule Nisi Calling upon the Opp.Parties to issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ shall not be issued directing the Opp.Parties more specifically Opp. Party No.3-Tahsildar, Kujanga to effect ROR in the name of the petitioners basing on Annexure-1 within a time to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court in consonance with the notification and SOP issued on 18.12.2025 under Annexure-4 by accepting the application of the petitioners by on line and/or offline mode maintaining status quo without taking any coercive action.*

And upon causes shown, if any, or upon insufficient causes shown the said Rule be made absolute.

And may pass such other order as deemed just and proper.

And for this act of kindness, the Petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray."

4. It is submitted that by order passed in OLR Case No. 2440 of 1975, the petitioners were declared Raiyats in respect of the land in question. They paid salami and arrear rent as required. Their grievance is that the land is unable to be recorded in their names as presently applications are accepted in the online mode. Their difficulty is, the fields available in the online portal do not include applications for mutation on the basis of orders passed under Section 36-A of the OLR Act.

5. Learned State Counsel does not dispute the above factual position.

6. Considering the facts, the writ application is disposed of directing the Tahasildar, Kujanga to accept the application for mutation to be submitted by the petitioners physically within ten days from today and proceed thereafter in accordance with law. The Mutation Application shall be disposed of within a period of one month thereafter.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

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