



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.30571 of 2026

CNR No.ODHC010721202026

Sudhanshu Sekhar Panda ***Petitioner***

Mr. Dipti Ranjan Bhokta, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Saswat Das, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

Order No.

ORDER
09.10.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners.
 2. By means of this application, the Petitioner seeks the following relief:

“The petitioner, therefore, most humbly prays that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

i) admit the writ petition and issue a Rule Nisi calling upon the opposite parties to show cause as to why the order dated 30.06,2026 under annexure-1 passed by opposite party No.3 rejecting the petitioner's representation dated 22.12.2025 and directing that a CEMC programme may be conducted for eviction should not be quashed and/or set aside;

ii) issue an appropriate writ, order or direction commanding the opposite party No.3 to reconsider the petitioner's representation dated 22.12.2025 afresh, after furnishing to the petitioner all reports/materials relied upon against him and after granting him reasonable opportunity of hearing, in accordance with law;

iii) direct the opposite parties not to evict or dispossess the petitioner from the land/structure in question and



not to demolish the structure of NGO "SANJOG" except by following due process of law;

iv) in the alternative, direct the competent authority to consider the petitioner's claim for lawful lease/settlement/allotment of the land in question for the activities of the registered NGO in accordance with the applicable rules, Government policy and law;

v) pass such other order/orders and issue such other writ/writs as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case;"

3. During the course of hearing, Mr. Bhokta, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner, submits that the Petitioner has no objection to the initiation of appropriate action for clearing the land comprising Plot No. 338/1881 under Khata No. 619, which is alleged to have been encroached upon and where a commercial building as well as a building housing the office of the NGO "SANJOG" are stated to have been constructed.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, however, draws the attention of this Court to Annexure-2, which is an application submitted by the Petitioner seeking lease of the Government land in question. He submits that the said application is pending consideration before Opposite Party No. 3, namely, the Director, Estate-cum-Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to Government, General Administration and Public Grievance Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Accordingly, he prays for a direction to the said authority to consider the application in accordance with law.

5. Learned Additional Government Advocate has no serious objection to the aforesaid innocuous prayer. Accordingly, the



Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to Opposite Party No. 3 to consider the Petitioner's application for lease of the land in question in accordance with law, preferably within a period of two months from the date of communication of this order.

6. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the Petitioner's claim, and the competent authority shall take an independent decision in accordance with law. The consideration of the application shall not, by itself, be construed as conferring any right upon the Petitioner to continue in occupation of the land or as a bar to the initiation of any action for eviction in accordance with law.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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