

03. 12.01.2021

This matter is taken up by video conferencing mode.

Heard Mr. O.N. Devdas, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. A.R. Dash, learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-Opposite Parties.

The Petitioners seek a direction to the Opposite Party Nos.3 and 4 to restrain Opposite Party No.5 from using the 'Gochar land' for industrial purpose, in terms of the provisions of the Odisha Government Land Settlement Act, 1962.

The Petitioners state that they made a representation dated 1st October, 2020 (Annexure-4) to the Collector, Jagatsinghpur (Opposite Party No.3), which has not yet been decided.

If the said representation dated 1st October, 2020 is still pending, it shall be disposed of in accordance with law by the Opposite Party No.3-Collector, Jagatsinghpur not later than 1st March, 2021 and the decision shall be communicated to the Petitioners not later than 8th March, 2021.

The writ petition is disposed of in the above terms.

As restrictions are continuing for COVID-19, learned counsel for the parties may utilize the soft copy of this order available in the High Court's website or print out thereof at par with certified copy in the manner prescribed, vide Court's Notice No.4587, dated 25th March, 2020.

(Dr. S. Muralidhar)
Chief Justice

(S. Panda)
Judge