

**ODISHA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
ORDER SHEET**

Case No. **1498** of **OF 2026**

Name of the Complainant **Basudev Bhatta & Others**
1611 OF 2026

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Mr. Pradip Pradhan and Mr. Basudev Bhatta, human rights activists, along with some of the complainants, are present. Mr. Biswapriya Kanungo, human rights activist, is also present on behalf of the complainants in Case No.1611 of 2026.

No report has been received from the Secretary to Government of Odisha, G.A. Department or from the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, despite the earlier direction.

Mr. Abhishek Nanda, Learned Advocate appearing for the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA), submitted that he could not obtain necessary instructions on the question of temporary rehabilitation due to paucity of time and as the concerned staff and officers were on leave. He further sought adjournment for some more days to take instructions. He also raised a preliminary objection stating that the land in question belongs to BDA, that the occupants were trespassers, and therefore BDA has every right to evict them. He contended that trespassers are not entitled to any rehabilitation.

The Commission is not inclined to accept the above objection of the B.D.A. Prima facie, it appears that the

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		<p>houses of the complainants were demolished without following due process of law and without issuing any prior notice. The affected families are presently living in extreme distress under polythene sheets in the scorching summer and rain, without access to basic facilities.</p> <p>Despite sufficient opportunity having been given, the B.D.A. has not come forward with any appropriate response or proposal regarding interim relief/rehabilitation.</p> <p>In view of the above, this Commission recommends to the B.D.A. to provide temporary rehabilitation to the evicted families (except those who have already approached the Hon'ble High Court or any Civil Court in this matter), for a period of at least one month, by arranging shelter there or in nearby suitable places with basic amenities such as water, electricity and toilet facilities. However, such arrangement of shelter, shall not enure to the benefit of the persons evicted to establish their right on the land where from they are evicted or place they are rehabilitated in any manner. The aforesaid is only a temporary arrangement. This arrangement be made</p>	

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unless any contrary order has been passed by any other competent authority or court.

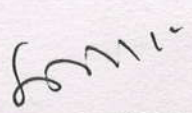
With the above direction, the cases are adjourned to 23.07.2026.

The G.A. Department is directed to furnish a report regarding the nature of the land and how it is recorded in the name of the Government.

Let a copy of this order be communicated forthwith to the Secretary, B.D.A., for immediate compliance.

Copy of the order also be communicated to the Secretary to Government of Odisha, G.A. Department and the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.

The B.D.A. and the above authorities shall submit their respective reports positively by the next date of hearing.


JUSTICE S. PUJAHARI
CHAIRPERSON