

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT GWALIOR

WP No. 10997 of 2025

(DEEPAK KUMAR AND OTHERS Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 13-08-2025

Shri V.S.Chauhan, learned counsel for the petitioners.

Shri Ankur Mody, learned AAG, Shri Vivek Khedkar, learned Sr. Advocate/AAG with Shri Sohit Mishra, learned GA and Shri Puran Kulshrestha, learned AAG for respondents No.1 and 2/State.

Shri Ravi Chaudhari, learned counsel for respondent No.3/CBI.

Shri Siddharth Sharma, learned counsel for respondents No.4 to 6.

Shri N.P.Singh, Principal Secretary (Law) and Shri Vivek Kumar, Principal Secretary (Revenue) are present in person.

2 .The instant petition is in the nature of Public Interest Litigation. Petitioners have raised the point regarding protection of Government Land from going into hands of land grabbers.

3. Today, Principal Secretary (Law) and Principal Secretary (Revenue) appeared before this Court for assistance. Principal Secretary (Revenue) informed this Court that digitization of record is going on and all Legacy records are being digitized and/ or in the process. To get the exact location of land, technology of Drone Mapping is employed so that accurate and exact location of land holding can be ascertained. He further informed this Court about establishment of dedicated Revenue Officers for resolution of revenue related disputes. Now Tehsildars and SDOs are being posted as dedicated Revenue Officers. They are meant to decide the revenue disputes regularly.

Therefore, revenue Courts are now available on regular basis. He further refers the concept of Automatic Mutation whereby the moment sale transaction takes place through registered deed, it is intimated to Revenue Officers for automatic mutation. If no objection is found over the said sale transaction, then mutation takes place within seven days.

4. According to him, different steps have been taken by the department to ensure that land and revenue related disputes be resolved. He affirms the commitment of State Government to save State government land. According to him, State agencies are trying to cover last mile coverage for ascertaining digitization of revenue records and for resolution of dispute.

5. Principal Secretary (Law)-Shri N.P.Singh elaborates the mechanism intended to be devised for smooth and seamless working of Law Department including Law Officers of District Courts as well as High Court (Principal Seat at Jabalpur and benches at Indore and Gwalior). He further refers the fact that to cure the recurring incidents of Government Prosecutor/Additional Government Prosecutor (GP/AGP) remained ex-parte, appropriate steps and instructions would be issued to the Principal District Judge / District Collector / District S.P. and District Prosecution Officer to take care of those cases in Monitoring Cell held monthly under the Chairmanship of Principal District Judge. He also assures this Court that a speedy mechanism is in the process of conceptualization to reduce the delay caused in filing the appeals before the Courts. Certain modifications in Litigation Policy of 2018 are in the offing to reduce the appeals being filed belatedly and to monitor the performance of Law Officers as well as OIC.

6. Heard.

7. Certain steps as referred by the Senior Officers of State Government indicate that steps are being taken for protection of government land and for resolution of disputes at the very beginning, which has earlier been addressed by this Court by undertaking a drive "**Samadhan Apake Dwar**". The said scheme received much success and brought results for reduction of petty disputes existing in villages regarding Land Revenue, Police cases, Electricity cases and Forest related cases etc. State Government must take initiative to institutionalize such scheme to cover last mile coverage and to make society "Litigation Free".

7. Looking to the different steps taken by the State Government, Additional Advocate General - Shri Vivek Khedkar and Shri Ankur Mody are directed to file an affidavit of both the Officers in this regard so that this concept may move further for public welfare at large.

8. List the case on 25.08.2025.

(ANAND PATHAK)
JUDGE

(PUSHPENDRA YADAV)
JUDGE

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