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Odisha High Court has given Order to Withdraw NSA Implicated on People's Movement Leader Batakrushna Swain

Comrade Swain convener of the Sipasarubali land movement has been detained in Puri Jail under the National Security Act (NSA) since May 2, 2022. Hon'ble Justice S. Talapatra and Justice Savitri Rath passed this order while considering the Criminal Writ Petition (No. 83 of 2022) filed by Mr. Swain in the Odisha High Court challenging his illegal detention under the National Security Act.

Different political parties of the state, People's organizations, mass movements and intellectuals condemned and protested against this repressive action. But the state government and the district administration ignored the public opinion and continued to extend the time limit of Mr. Swain's undemocratic detention.

Various people's movements along with Upakulia Land and Forest Protection Committee have expressed that this order of the High Court has vindicated the legitimacy of the Sipasarubali land rights movement and has opened up the anti-people repressive policy of the Odisha government. Advocate Prashant Kumar Jena has filed the case on behalf of Mr. Swain.