




Hearing of Land Disputes in Bihar

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Recently an order was issued by Vivek Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Bihar Revenue and Land Reforms Department, regarding giving the DCLR (Deputy Collector Land Reforms) the **right to hear disputes related to land again**.

Key Points

- DCLR got this right **after the Supreme Court's intervention** in the court dispute that has been going on for nearly eight years.
- Now DCLR will decide about a disputed land, who is its real owner? This is called a title suit. They will initiate hearing of cases related to Raiyati cases and will also implement the orders passed in the earlier cases.
- It is noteworthy that through the **Bihar Land Disputes Redressal Act, 2009**, DCLR was **empowered to hear land disputes**. This act was **challenged in the Patna High Court** in 2013 by a raiyat named **Maheshwar Mandal**.
- Five years later, in 2018, **following the High Court's order**, the Revenue and Land Reforms Department issued an order **restraining the DCLR from conducting court hearings**.