



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.1701 of 2026

***Pradip Kumar
Behera***

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Petitioner

Mr. P. Panigrahi, Advocate

-versus-

***State of Odisha &
Ors.***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. S.P. Das, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

27.02.2026

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- 1.** This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
- 2.** Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that on the face of the pendency of the vigilance proceeding against the Petitioner in Cuttack Vigilance P.S. Case No.12 dtd.21.05.2025, the disciplinary authority is proceeding with the departmental proceeding initiated vide No. 13 of 2025 dated 27.09.2025 under Annexure-1.
- 3.** It is contended that Petitioner will be seriously prejudiced if the departmental proceeding is disposed of, prior to disposal of the vigilance proceeding, which has been initiated on self-same charges.
- 4.** It is accordingly contended that pending disposal of the vigilance proceeding, the departmental proceeding be stayed.



5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State on the other hand contended that there is no bar for continuance of both the proceedings, even though the charges are same.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties and considering the submissions made and the fact that both the proceedings have been initiated on self-same charges, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition, observes that the departmental proceeding initiated vide No. 13 of 2025 dated 27.09.2025 under Annexure-1 may continue, but no final order will be passed, till disposal of the vigilance proceeding.

Learned Vigilance Judge is directed to expedite the trial of Cuttack Vigilance P.S. Case No.12 dtd.21.05.2025 corresponding to VGR No. 10 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge Vigilance Court, Cuttack.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

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