



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.2198 of 2026

Manoj Kumar Sethi

..... Petitioner

Mr. A.P. Bose, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

..... Opposite Parties

Mr. R. Pradhan, A.S.C.

CORAM:

JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER

21.01.2026

Order No.

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1. Issue notice. Mr. R. Pradhan, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Parties 1, 2 & 5. Three extra copies of the brief be served on him within a week.
2. Notice may be issued to Opposite Parties 3 & 4 by speed post with A.D. fixing a short returnable date. Requisites shall be filed within three working days. Office is directed to get the postal tracking report.
3. List this matter on 23rd February 2026.

I.A. No.1074 of 2026

4. It is submitted on behalf of the Petitioner that he has not occupied any more area than allotted to him for parking purpose. But the Tehasildar without granting him any opportunity of hearing has demanded the excess amount towards ground rent with penalty.



5. As an interim, it is directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner till 23rd February 2026 subject to deposit of Rs.4,00,000/- (rupees four lakhs only), before the Tehasildar, Cuttack within a period of ten days from today.

6. An urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application in course of the day.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge