



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 2350 of 2026

Subash Chandra Pradhan **Petitioner**

Mr. P.K. Dutta, Advocate

-Versus-

State Chief Information **Opposite Party**
Commissioner, Toshali Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar

Mr. B. K. Dash. Counsel
for the State Information Commissioner

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER
27.01.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner assailing the impugned order dated 20th May, 2025 as at Annexure-2 on the grounds stated therein.
3. Referring to the decision of the Apex Court in **Chief Information Commissioner and another Vrs. State of Manipur and another** in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787 and 10788 of 2011, the Odisha State Information Commission has disposed of the complaint filed under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 on the premise that the petitioner has not approached the 1st Appellate Authority under Section 18 thereof. Considering the impugned order at Annexure-2 and submission



of learned counsel for the petitioner, the Court is inclined to direct the State Information Commission to respond.

4. List on 10th February, 2026 for final orders upon receiving the reply from the Odisha State Information Commission. Mr. Bijay Kumar Dash, learned counsel for the Odisha State Information Commission is present and he receives notice for the opposite parties and is requested to file Vakalatnama in course of the day.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram