



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**SUO MOTU W.P.(C) PIL No.2140 of 2020**

***Registrar (Judicial),  
Orissa High Court, Cuttack***

.... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Sr. Advocate  
President, OHCBA  
Mr. Bijay Kumar Dash, Senior Advocate  
Amicus Curiae  
Er. Mr. Nagendra Kumar Mohanty,  
Amicus Curiae  
Mr. Avijit Pattnaik, Advocate  
Secretary, OHCBA

-versus-

***State of Odisha & Others***

.... ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Debasis Nayak,  
Additional Government Advocate &  
Advocate for the CMC  
Mr. Prasanna Kumar Parhi, DSGI

**CORAM:  
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA  
JUSTICE V. NARASINGH**

**ORDER  
26.03.2026**

**ISSUES OF SCBMCH, CUTTACK**

**Order No.**

**i) INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL DISPLAY BOARDS**

**409-A.**  
26.03.2026

1. These matters are taken up through hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).
2. The matter was taken up on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. It was submitted on that date that installation of digital display boards giving real time information regarding



availability of medicines in Niramaya Centres in the vicinity of the hospital, forms part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. The scheme will be implemented in Odisha after obtaining necessary approvals.

3. However, it is submitted by Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate that they are yet to prepare the proposal to be submitted for implementation of the scheme.

4. It is further submitted that the said initiative involves multiple components, including hardware procurement and manpower engagement, which requires detailed scrutiny at various levels and consultation with multiple stakeholders. The comprehensive proposal is presently under preparation and it will take at least two months time to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Government of India for approval.

5. Hence, the matter stands adjourned to be listed on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, on which date Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate shall apprise the Court about the developments in the meantime by filing an affidavit of a Competent Officer.

***(K.R. Mohapatra)***  
***Judge***

***(V. Narasingh)***  
***Judge***



ii) **LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**

**409-B.**  
26.03.2026

1. The matter was taken up on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, when Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate informed the Court that the matter is pending at the highest level of the government since 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.
2. Taking into consideration the wait list of the patients for liver transplant and other minor surgeries, this Court expected that a decision on the proposal submitted on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 should be taken by 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. But, Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate submitted that no development in the matter has yet taken place. It is a matter of great concern.
3. Hence, keeping in view the plight of the patients waiting for transplant we request learned Advocate General to appear on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 and render his valuable assistance to mitigate the suffering of the patients.

***(K.R. Mohapatra)***  
***Judge***

***(V. Narasingh)***  
***Judge***

iii) **MAINTENANCE OF HYGIENIC CONDITIONS IN THE CENTRAL KITCHEN**

**409-C.**  
26.03.2026

1. It is submitted by Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate, that since it was not feasible to install another air curtain at the entrance of the kitchen area



of the Central Kitchen of SCBMCH, Cuttack, an iron gate with mesh has been installed on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

2. The Advocates' Committee shall visit the Central Kitchen along with the Superintending Engineer, R & B Division, Cuttack, and shall submit a report to that effect by the next date.

3. Put up this matter on 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2026.

*(K.R. Mohapatra)*  
*Judge*

*(V. Narasingh)*  
*Judge*

**iv) FIRE SAFETY MEASURES IN HOSPITALS & TRAUMA CARE OF SCBMCH**

**409-D.**  
26.03.2026

1. The Newspaper reports published in Vernacular Dailies relating to lack of Fire Fighting Facilities in Sishu Bhawan, Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre, Cuttack as well as the hardship being faced because of non-functioning of Trauma care is taken on record.

2. Dr. (Prof.) Jyotish Chandra Choudhury who recently joined as the Superintendent, SCBMCH, Cuttack, present virtually, informed that all necessary steps are being taken to restore the normal functioning of the Trauma Care ICU.

3. In that view of the matter, we call upon the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Odisha, to appear either through virtual



mode or in person on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, to apprise this Court of the restoration process and the suitable alternative arrangements being made for trauma patients.

4. In the meantime, effective measures shall be taken by the concerned Departments of SCBMCH to ensure that patients requiring intensive care are not neglected, because of non-functioning of dedicated trauma care unit.

5. Vide order dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 passed in W.P.(C) No.18657 of 2015, this Court, while expressing concern over the fire accident that took place in 2024 at SCBMCH, Cuttack, had issued certain directions.

6. Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate shall take note of the same and apprise this Court on the next date regarding the fire safety measures undertaken at different hospitals of the State where ICU/CCU/HDU facilities are available.

The Director General, Fire Services, Odisha shall appear either virtually or in person on the next sitting to render necessary assistance, for effective adjudication of the issue.

7. Put up this matter on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

***(K.R. Mohapatra)***  
***Judge***

***(V. Narasingh)***  
***Judge***



## **2. SATYABRATA STADIUM**

410.  
26.03.2026

1. News item concerning the walking track of Satyabrata Stadium (village ground) published in Vernacular dailies is taken on record.
2. On 21.08.2025, this Court was apprised by the Collector, Cuttack, Mr. Dattatraya Bhausahab Shinde, IAS that second DPR for overall development of sports centric facilities of Satyabrata Stadium was submitted to the Sports Department, Government of Odisha and since certain objections were raised, follow up action was being taken.
3. The Collector, who joined the proceeding virtually, has brought to the notice of this Court that in the meantime the objections have been addressed in consultation with ASI and the DPR will be submitted shortly.

This Court is informed that District administration is unaware of the walking tracks inside Satyabrata Stadium being paved by concrete.

4. During the course of hearing, the President of the Orissa High Court Bar Association, Mr. M.K. Mishra, learned Senior Advocate, Secretary of the Orissa High Court Bar Association Mr. A. Pattnaik, learned Amicus Curiae, Mr. Bijay K. Dash, Senior Advocate and Member of the Advocates' Committee, learned counsel Mr. B.B. Choudhury stated that oblivious of the health hazards the walking track is being covered with concrete paver blocks.



5. It is indeed baffling that when the District administration is in the process of submitting DPR relating to the overall development of Satyabrata Stadium, public money is being siphoned off in paving the walking track with concrete at this stage with undue haste, as stated at the Bar.

6. In the light of such submission, learned Senior Counsel, Mr. Parhi, DSGI, on instruction intimated this Court that such paving work has been stopped since yesterday.

Such submission was vociferously opposed by the members of the Bar.

7. In view of the health hazards posed by these concrete blocks, particularly the adverse impact on pedestrians due to the hard, non-shock-absorbing surface which may lead to joint strain, foot-related ailments, and an increased risk of slips and falls posing a long-term risk of physical injury, especially to the vulnerable sections such as the elderly and children and since the authorities decided to commit harakiri, in sacrificing basic right of a citizen to walk in a safe manner on the altar of concrete, this Court is left with no other alternative but to direct the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to stop the work of laying paver blocks on the walking track of Satyabrata Stadium with immediate effect.



Further, it is directed that the paver blocks already laid, be removed, restoring the track back to its “un-paved” state.

The compliance in this regard shall be placed before this Court by way of affidavit on its next hearing on 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026. On the said date, Superintendent of ASI shall join the proceeding in person/virtual mode.

8. Learned DSGI, Mr. P.K. Parhi, Senior Advocate has been gracious enough to assure this Court that necessary instruction in this regard shall be imparted to the Superintendent of ASI.

**ISSUE REGARDING CLEANLINESS AND LIGHTING**

410-A.  
26.03.2026

9. So far as Sanitation and cleanliness inside the Satyabrata Stadium is concerned, the District administration and the Municipal Corporation with active cooperation of ASI officials shall undertake cleaning of garbage, bush cutting, pruning of trees and ensure that the toilet are made functional and one of the toilet shall be earmarked for the ladies.

The Commissioner, CMC, Ms. Kirandeep Kaur Sahota, IAS assured this Court that necessary instructions shall be imparted in this regard.

Since the stadium shall remain open from sunrise to sunset as per the provisions of ASI in tune with the decision taken in the meeting of the stakeholders, keeping in view



the onset of summer, clean drinking water shall be made available by the next date.

10. Put up this matter on 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026.

***(K.R. Mohapatra)***  
***Judge***

***(V. Narasingh)***  
***Judge***

*S.S.SATAPATHY*