



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WP(C) No.3155 of 2025**

***Chitta Ranjan Kanungo***

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***Petitioner***

Represented By Adv. -  
Bibhuti Bhusan Swain

***-versus-***

***1) Public Information Officer,  
Odisha State Cooperative Bank  
Ltd., Bbsr***

**.....**

***Opposite Parties***

2) First Appellate Authority, Odisha  
State Co-operative Bank Ltd  
3) Odisha Information Commissioner-  
cum- Second Appellate Authority  
4) Md, Director, Odisha State Co-  
operative Bank Ltd

Represented By Adv. –  
Mr.B.K.Das

**CORAM:**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR  
MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**

**26.03.2025**

**Order No.**

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as Mr.B.K.Das, learned counsel appearing for Odisha Information Commission. Perused the Writ Petition as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition with the following prayer :

*“ It is, therefore, prayed that this Hon’ble Court may graciously be pleased to issue Rule “NISI” calling upon the Opp.Parties to show cause as to why ;*



- i) *the action of the Opp.Party No.1,2 & 4 shall not be held as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the RTI Act as well as order dated 01.10.2024 passed by the Commissioner, the Odisha Information Commission, Bhubaneswar under Annexure-4;*
- ii) *the Opp.Party No.1,2 & 4 shall not be punished for not providing information under the RTI Act and also shall not be directed to pay compensation as per the said Act;*
- iii) *the information sought for under Annexure-1 & 2 shall not be provided to the Petitioner forthwith without any further delay;*

*If the Opp.Parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause then the Rule shall be made absolute.*

*And pass any other order/orders, direction/directions as may be deemed fit and proper;”*

4. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the learned Odisha Information Commissioner disposed of the Second Appeal of the Petitioner bearing S.A.No.556 of 2024 with the following direction:

*“3. The Managing Director, Odisha State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Is hereby directed to educate his officer(s) about provisions contained in the RTI Act, 2005, which prescribes statutory timeline for providing the information. In the event of non-supply of information within the stipulated time, it attracts penal provision contained under Section 20 of the RTI Act. However, the MD, OSCB Ltd. Is further directed to look into the matter and call for his officer(s) to see that all the available information as sought for by the appellant be supplied to the appellant by 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, positively. Necessary compliance report showing supply of information as also the mode of supply, is to be filed before the Commission by 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2024, without fail. It is pertinent to mention here that all the communication made with*



*the applicant should be by Registered/Speed Post only.”*

5. He further submitted that despite such categorical direction, the same has not been complied with.
6. Considering the submissions made on behalf of the respective parties, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the present Writ Petition by directing the Opposite Party No.1-Public Information Officer, Odisha State Co-operative Bank Limited to comply with the direction of the learned Commission, if the same has attained finality in the meantime, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks from today.
7. With the aforesaid observation the Writ Petition stands disposed of.
8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

**( A.K. Mohapatra )**  
**Judge**

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