



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WA No.433 of 2025

Kaushalya Sharma

Petitioner

Represented by Adv.-
Ms. B. Sahoo, Adv.

-versus-

***The Chief secretary & Chief
Development Commissioner,
Department of G.A. & P.G.
Govt. of Odisha and Ors.***

Opp. Parties

Represented by Adv.-
Mr. S.B. Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

**JUSTICE KRISHNA SHRIPAD DIXIT
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

**ORDER
18.03.2026**

**Order No.
03.**

In our order dated 16.03.2026, we had said as under;

"... .. Issue emergent notice. Learned AGA, on request, accepts notice for all the Respondents. Required number of copies of the writ appeal with all documents be served on him within three working days. He has to make statement as to why the Government has not sanctioned a sum of Rs.80,000/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand) only to the Appellant-Widow despite there being recommendation by the Collector, Cuttack vide letter dated 375 dated 21.02.2021.

Call this matter on Monday (16.03.2026)."

Learned AGA Mr.Jee, very fairly submits that he would confer with his clients and come back with some positive response keeping in view the observations made in letter of the Collector, Cuttack dated 21.02.2021, a copy whereof avails at Annexure-23 to W.P.(C) No.35503/2023"

As the above order makes it clear, there was recommendation by the Collector of Cuttack for payment of Rs.80,000/- to the



Petitioner's husband towards medical expenses. That recommendation was made on 21.02.2021 and now we are in March, 2026. Five years have lapsed not even a leaf been turned. This is not a happy thing to happen with a welfare State when a citizen, who was ailing; now he having died his widow is before the Court.

2. On the assurance of learned AGA that the matter would be looked into on a war footing, and with the hope of some reprieve to be granted to the Appellant-widow, we call this matter on 24.03.2026.

Soft copy of this order shall be shared with the learned AGA, who in turn shall confer with the Chief Secretary to Government of the State. If nothing happens on the next date of hearing, an adverse order may be passed.

(Krishna Shripad Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

Prasant