



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

**W.P.(C) No. 6069 OF 2016**

***Laxmipriya Mishra***

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***Petitioner***

Mr. Dayananda Mohapatra, Senior Advocate  
being assisted by  
Mr. Amit Kumar Parida, Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha and others***

....

***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,  
Additional Standing Counsel

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA**

**JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

**ORDER**

**22.04.2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
  2. The matter was listed on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, when Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel prayed for three days time to file an affidavit of the Tahasildar, Puri in terms of the order dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.
  3. Today, Mr. Biswal, learned Additional Standing Counsel submits that the affidavit of the Tahasildar, Puri has already been e-filed on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.
  4. Hence, it appears that Mr. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel has not acted in terms of his submission made vide order dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.



5. The said affidavit is received from the Registry and is taken on record. Copy of the same has already been served on learned counsel for the Petitioner.

6. On perusal of the affidavit filed by the Tahasildar, Puri, it appears from Paragraph-4 that, the Tahasildar-cum-O.E.A. Collector, Puri on verification of the records, ascertained that O.E.A. Case No.658 of 1987 was initiated by his office. On further verification of documents annexed to the writ petition, it was ascertained that the case record with O.E.A. Case No.658 of 1987 was directed to be sent for confirmation of the S.D.O., Puri or the Sub-Collector, Puri vide order dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1988 of the Additional Tahasildar, Puri. It was also stated *inter alia* that the said record could not be traced out in the record room of his office.

7. From the affidavit, it is not clear as to whether the Tahasildar, Puri has verified the case record with the Sub-Collector, Puri. The Tahasildar, Puri appears to have searched for the case record only in his record room. Thus, it appears that the Tahasildar, Puri was not serious in searching out the case record of O.E.A. Case No.658 of 1987.

8. In spite of several opportunities granted to the Tahasildar, Puri, an affidavit has been filed, which does not disclose that the Tahasildar, Puri is serious in searching out the case record of O.E.A. Case No.658 of 1987.

9. Hence, this Court is constrained to direct the Collector, Puri to make an enquiry into the matter and submit a report.

10. In view of the above, the Collector and District Magistrate, Puri, is directed to make an enquiry into the matter and submit a



report to this Court within a period of three weeks hence, along with an affidavit.

11. Put up this matter on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 under the heading 'Stayed Matters'.

12. Interim order dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 passed in I.A. No.6070 of 2018 shall continue till the next date.

13. In the meantime, the Tahasildar, Puri shall also make an endeavour either to search out the O.E.A. case record of O.E.A. Case No.658 of 1987 or to reconstitute the same. The Petitioner is directed to cooperate with the Tahasildar, Puri in that regard, if so required by the Tahasildar.

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

***(S.K. Mishra)***  
***Judge***

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