



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.5397 of 2026

Indian Management and Technical Society **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Surya Prasad Misra, Senior Advocate
Mr. Soumya Mishra, Advocate
-Versus-

State of Odisha and another **Opposite Parties**

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Saswat Das, A.G.A. for the State

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

Order No.

ORDER
11.03.2026

01. 1. The writ petitioner has challenged the order rejecting the bid for the non-compliance of the mandate provided under Clauses 3.7 and 3.12 of the Request for Proposal (RFP).
2. According to the petitioner, a conjoint reading of the aforesaid Clauses does not percolate a sense of the rejection of a bid, but is restricted to the sanction of the maximum projects within the State and the District and, therefore, the authorities have misinterpreted and misunderstood the purport of the said Clauses. It further appears



from the record that after the communication of an order rejecting the bid at the scrutiny stage, the approach was made to the authority to reconsider, which was also rejected as the RFP lacks any provisions conferring power to review and/or revisit the decision.

3. Mr. Surya Prasad Misra, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioner fervently submits that the process is still at the nebulous stage of screening and/or scrutiny of the documents and have not ripen for awarding any contract.

4. Mr. Saswat Das, learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-opposite parties submits that he needs to take instructions in this regard and prays for an adjournment.

5. In view of the above and in order to give an opportunity to Mr. Das, learned Additional Government Advocate to take an appropriate instruction relating to the stage of the said RFP, list this matter on 18th March, 2026.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge