



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.5272 of 2026

Rajiba Lochan Mohanty

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Anurag Pati

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Others

.....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. P.K. Parhi, DSGI
along with Mr. C.K.
Mohanty, CGC (for the
Union of India)

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ANANDA CHANDRA BEHERA

ORDER

20.02.2026

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2. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner challenging the direction of the Passport Authority to the petitioner for surrendering the Passport issued to him on the ground of suppression of material facts regarding the pendency of criminal case against him.

3. The matter relating to the controversies between the parties i.e. whether the Passport issued to the petitioner is to be surrendered or not shall be decided in this writ petition.

4. The learned DSGI Mr. P.K. Parhi along with learned CGC Mr. Chandan Kumar Mohanty for the Union of India submitted a written instruction stating that, in spite of pendency of a criminal case against the petitioner, the petitioner has obtained the Passport



without disclosing about the same, for which, the Passport Authority directed the petitioner for surrendering the Passport which is under challenge in this writ petition.

5. The instruction submitted by the learned CGC, is accepted and kept in the record. The learned CGC submitted that, he will serve the copy of the same on the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. Learned CGC for the Union of India further submitted for filing counter in the Writ Petition.

6. Therefore, this Writ Petition be listed on 31.03.2026.

(ANANDA CHANDRA BEHERA)

Judge

I.A. No.3198/2026

3. 1. As the matter relating to the controversies between the parties i.e. the Passport, which was issued to the petitioner shall be surrendered or not, the same shall be adjudicated in the Writ Petition vide WPC No.5272 of 2026, for which, till then, the matter relating to controversies between the parties shall remain as it is.

2. List this I.A. on 31.03.2026.

3. Urgent certified copy of this Order be granted to the parties on proper applications.

(ANANDA CHANDRA BEHERA)

Judge