



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.6168 of 2026

Ramakanta Sahu

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Sudarsan Behera

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. C.M.Singh, A.S.C.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

26.02.2026

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 learned Additional Government Advocate. Perused writ application and the prayer made therein.
3. By filing the present writ application, the Petitioner challenges the validity of the order dated 24.12.2025 at Annexure-5.
4. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further examination after filing of the counter affidavit.
5. Hence, issue notice to the Opposite Parties.
6. Mr. Singh, learned Additional Standing Counsel for State-Opposite Parties accepts notice on behalf of all the Opposite Parties. Since the soft copy of the writ petition has already been uploaded in



the LMS, no hard copy is required to be served on the learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the Opposite Parties. Soft copy which has been uploaded in the LMS be utilized.

7. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within six weeks hence after serving a copy thereof in advance on learned counsel for the Petitioner.

8. List this matter in the week commencing 20th April, 2026.

I.A. No.3541 of 2026

9. Heard.

10. Notice as above.

11. As an interim it is directed that no recovery shall be made from the Petitioner pursuant to under Annexure-5 till the next date.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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