



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

**W.P.(C ) No.8394 of 2026**

***Bharat Halba and Others*** .... ***Petitioners***  
*Mr. L.K. Mohanty, Adv.*

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha & Others*** .... ***Opposite Parties***  
*Mr. S. Das, ASC*

**COROM:**  
**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER**  
**24.03.2026**

**Order**  
**No**

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
2. At the outset, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners contended that the Writ Petition be confined to Petitioner No.1 only and liberty be given to file separate Writ Petitions in respect of other Petitioners. Such prayer is allowed.
3. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.
4. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that even though this Court in its judgment dt.22.01.2026 in W.P.(C) No.7674 of 2025 & batch have already quashed the letter issued by the S.C & S.T. Development Deptt. on 06.05.2024 and 27.02.2025, but relying on those circulars, the impugned order has been passed on 24.02.2026 under Annexure-8.
5. Taking into account the order passed in W.P.(C ) No.7674 of 2025 and batch, this Court is of the view that relying on circular order dt.6.05.2024 & 27.02.2025, no further benefit could have been extended.



6. In view of the same, this Court directs for personal appearance of Opp. Party No.3.

7. Opp. Party No.3 is directed to justify his action in relying those circulars which have already been set aside by this Court in its judgment dt.22.01.2026, so passed in W.P.(C) No.7674 of 2025 & batch. Opp. party No.3 is directed to appear before this Court on 26.03.2026.

Free copy of this order be provided to Mr. S. Das, learned Addl. Standing Counsel for compliance.

**(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)**  
**Judge**

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