



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.4280 of 2015

Ajay Kumar Mohanty

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Petitioner

M/s. D. Mahapatra, Advocate & Associate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & others

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Opposite Parties

Ms. B.K. Sahoo, AGA

Mr. P.K. Tripathy, Advocate (Intervenor)

Mr. K.A. Guru, Advocate (Intervenor)

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

08.05.2026

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I.A. No.23433 of 2023

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant I.A. is filed by the State seeking modification of the order dated 3rd September, 2025 in W.P.(C) No. 4280 of 2015, wherein, the direction was to hold the election to the Sambalpur Municipal Corporation in the light of observations made while disposing it of thereby quashing the impugned notification as at Annexure-5 dated 23rd February, 2015.
3. Ms. Sahoo, learned AGA for the State submits that the election is to be held with the necessary exercise with regard to the division of wards, reservation of seats etc. as per the Odisha Municipal Corporation Act (shortly as 'the Act') and Rules and hence, therefore, to that extent, the Court's order dated 3rd September, 2025 needs modification. In course of hearing, Mr. Tripathy, learned counsel for the intervener produced a copy of



the draft notification dated 8th April, 2026, whereby, the objections/suggestions have been invited in exercise of power conferred under Section 60 of the Act. This Court by order dated 3rd September, 2025 had directed holding of election to the posts of the Office Bearers of Sambalpur Municipal Corporation but it is still to be accomplished. Considering the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and that the period stipulated in notification dated 8th April, 2026 issued by the Government of Odisha Housing and Urban Development Department has expired in the meantime. Ms. Sahoo, learned AGA for the State is directed to take further instructions and to inform the Court regarding the present status. Awaiting the above response of the State, list this matter on 3rd July, 2026 for further orders to be taken up along with CONTC No. 867 of 2026.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram