



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

**W.P.(C) Nos.9026, 9028, 9032, 9157, 9160, 9164, 9168,
9419, 9420, 9421, 9426, 9434, 9436, 9486, 9488 &
9492 of 2026 & W.P.(C) Nos.3653, 3769 & 3850 of 2024**

Prajesh Kumar Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. L.K. Mohanty, Advocate

Mr. K.C. Sahu, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Mr. S. Das, ASC

Mr. P.K. Sahoo, ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

Order No.

30.03.2026

- 02.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
- 2.** Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.
- 3.** Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners in the present batch of Writ Petitions contended that similar issue was before this Court in the connected W.P.(C) No.3769 of 2024 and this Court while directing the State Counsel to obtain instruction vide order dtd.27.02.2024 passed an interim order with regard to maintenance of the status quo till the next date.
- 4.** It is contended that on the face of such interim order passed by this Court on 27.02.2024 and without getting the matter adjudicated, the impugned office



order has been passed on 17.03.2026, wherein it has been decided to disengage the Petitioners w.e.f. 31.03.2026.

4.1. It is contended that on the face of the interim order passed in W.P.(C) Nos.3653, 3769 & 3650 of 2024, no such order could have been passed vide order dtd.17.03.2026 of the CDM & PHO, Sundargarh.

4.2. It is also contended that no counter affidavit has yet been filed in the 2024 Writ Petition.

5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel appearing in both the cases contended that steps will be taken to file the counter affidavit within a period of two (2) weeks hence.

6. In view of the same, place W.P.(C) No.3769 of 2024 as the leading case in the present batch in the week commencing 20th April, 2026.

7. Counter affidavit as undertaken be filed before 17.04.2026 with service of copy on the learned counsels appearing for the Petitioners.

8. Interim order passed in W.P.(C) Nos.3653, 3769 & 3650 of 2024 shall continue till the next date.

9. Photocopy of the order be placed in other connected Writ Petitions.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Subrat