



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 9165 of 2026

Ranjita Nayak

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Dalai, Advocate

-versus-

1. State of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2. Collector, Balasore

3. Additional District

***Magistrate (General),
Balasore***

***4. Chief Executive Officer,
Zilla Parishad, Balasore***

***5. Superintending Engineer/
Executive Engineer (Rural
Development
Department), Balasore***

***6. Additional Project Director
(Technical), Zilla
Parishad, Balasore***

***7. Block Development
Officer, Baliapal Block,
Balasore***

Mr. M.R. Mohnaty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

25.03.2026

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02. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that substitution of Paragraph-7 of the resolution dated 28.01.2025 at Annexure-1 by the



impugned resolution vide Annexure-3, is against the schematic arrangement of the Odisha Panchayat Samiti Act, 1959.

3. It is stated at the Bar that similar issues are pending consideration in W.P.(C) No.4318 of 2026.

4. Issue notice to the Opposite Parties.

Since learned counsel for the State accepts notice on behalf of all the Opposite Parties, no notice need be issued to the said Opposite Parties.

5. List this matter on 13.04.2026 along with W.P.(C) No.4318 of 2026.

6. The question of maintainability of the writ petition in absence of a resolution of the Panchayat Samiti in question in the light of the provisions as contained in Section 19 of the Odisha Panchayat Samiti Act, 1959 is kept open.

**(V. Narasingh)
Judge**

I.A. No.5528 of 2026

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03. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. Taking into account the submissions of the learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State and keeping in view the schematic arrangement of the Odisha Panchayat Samiti Act, 1959 read with the Odisha Panchayat



Samiti Accounting Procedure Rules, 2002, this Court directs that in the interregnum, it shall be open for the Baliapal Panchayat Samiti, Balasore to submit the project list to the Opposite Party No.2-Collector, Balasore for approval without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties.

3. In the event such list is submitted before the Opposite Party No.2-Collector, Balasore, it is directed that before finalizing the developmental work of the Panchayat Samiti concern, the list so submitted by the Panchayat Samiti shall also be taken into account.

4. The I.A. is accordingly disposed of.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

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