



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
FAO No.299 of 2026

Jayanti Kumari Muduli

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Appellant

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Sanjeeb Ku. Rath

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Respondents

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

CORAM:

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

ORDER

04.05.2026

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I.A. No.441 of 2026

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. This is an application with a prayer for condonation of delay.
3. Heard learned counsel for the appellant as well as respondent state learned counsel for the Appellant at the outset contended that there is a delay of 2506 days in filing this I.A application for condonation delay. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that that by filing the present appeal the appellant seeks to challenge the impugned order dated 06.04.2019 passed in GIA Case No.218 of 2017. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that initially the Petitioner had approached the State Education Tribunal with a prayer for release of grant-in-aid/block grant in his favour. Such application was rejected by the learned Tribunal vide order dated 06.04.2019. He further submitted that in the meantime the law has undergone a change in view of the



latest judgment of this Court which was upheld the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, the Petitioner along with many other similarly situated persons have approached this court with a prayer for reconsideration of their case.

4. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand objected to the condonation of the delay on the ground that the delay is inordinate and the same has not been properly explained. On such ground, learned counsel for the State objected to the condonation of delay in preferring the appeal.

5. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for both sides, on a careful examination of the grounds taken in the condonation of delay application, this Court is of the considered view that many similarly situated persons have approached this Court after the decision of this Court in FAO No.509 of 2014 in the matter of ***State of Odisha Vs. Ratnakar Mohapatra***. Considering such submissions, the delay in approaching this Court is condoned subject to payment of a cost of Rs.2500/- (rupees two thousand five hundred) to the Juvenile Justice Fund managed by the Member Secretary, Odisha State Legal Services Authority.

6. Accordingly, the I.A stands allowed.

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7. List this appeal for admission.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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