



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) NO.12140 OF 2023

Shamim Akhtar & others ***Petitioners***

*Mr. Goutam Mukherji, Senior Advocate
being assisted by Mr. Amlan Mishra, Advocate
-versus-*

State of Odisha & others ***Opp. Parties***

*Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,
Additional Standing Counsel
(For Opp. Party Nos.1 to 4)
Mrs. Debadeepta Sahoo, Advocate
(For intervener)*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA
JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

Order No.

**ORDER
29.01.2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. Mr. Mukherji, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the Petitioners submits that it is their 4th journey to this Court.
 3. This Court, taking into consideration the rival contentions of learned Counsel for the parties vide order dated 03.12.2025 directed that the counter affidavit should be filed within a period of two weeks.
 4. Mr. Biswal, learned Additional Standing Counsel submits that in spite of communication dated 03.12.2025 and several telephonic discussions, the Tahasildar, Berhampur is not responding to file the counter affidavit.
 5. In view of the above, this Court directs the Tahasildar, Berhampur to appear in person on 16th February, 2026 in Court at 10.30 AM and to assist the Court for final disposal of the writ petition.



6. Learned Registrar (Judicial) of this Court shall communicate this order to the Tahasildar, Berhampur and the Collector, Ganjam at Chhatrapur (Opposite Party No.2) forthwith for compliance.

7. Put up this matter on 16th February, 2026.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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