



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.11380 of 2025

Bhadreswar Patra

.... *Petitioner(s)*
Mr. Jiban Ranjan Dash, Adv.

-versus-

*Collector and District
Magistrate, Kalahandi,
Dharamgarh & Anr.*

.... *Opposite Party(s)*

Mr. Debashish Nayak, AGA

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

Order
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29.04.2025

01. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this Writ Petition, the Petitioner being the President of Dokari Chanchara Development Samiti, Gudahandi has sought for a direction from this Court to the Collector and District Magistrate, Kalahandi/ Opposite Party No.1 for convening a joint meeting by calling both the groups for observation of the ensuing Chandan Jatra to be held on 30.04.2025 and also the subsequent festivals at the previous place.
3. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that in the recent past a conflict had arisen between two groups on the issue of performance of Ramanavami Puja. He further contends that since the Petitioner's Samiti and the other



group are interested to perform some cultural activities on the eve of the ensuing "Chandan Jatra" which is going to be held tomorrow 30th April, 2025, the law and order situation in the said locality might be affected.

5. He, in the process, submits that in order to avoid the untoward incident and conflict, if any, in the disputed area in question, the Collector and District Magistrate, Kalahandi should convene a joint meeting by calling both the parties so that the law and order situation in the said area would not be affected. He, accordingly, prays for allowing the prayer made in this Writ Petition.

6. The Additional District Magistrate, Kalahandi appearing through the Virtual Mode assures that he will convene a joint meeting among various cultural troupes/groups on the issue of performance of cultural activities on the eve of the ensuing "Chandan Jatra" by inviting both the groups.

7. Considering the submission made on behalf of the Petitioner and keeping in view the assurance given by the Additional District Magistrate, Kalahandi, this Court directs the Additional District Magistrate, Kalahandi to convene a joint meeting on the issue of performance of cultural activities on the eve of the ensuing "Chandan Jatra" and also the subsequent functions so that the law and order situation in the locality shall not be affected. It is also directed that necessary Police personnel shall be deployed during performance of the said cultural



activities. It is also made clear that no single group shall be allowed to enjoy any monopoly with respect to performance of their cultural activities. All the groups should be allowed to participate and show their performance.

8. This Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge

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