



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.12867 of 2026

***M/s Mahaprasad Rice Mill,
Khorda***

Petitioner

Represented by Adv.-
Mr. N.K. Dash, Adv.

-versus-

***Authorise Officer, Punjab
National Bank, Cuttack***

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.-
Mr. A.K. Biswal, Panel Counsel

CORAM:

**JUSTICE KRISHNA S. DIXIT
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

**ORDER
05.05.2026**

**Order No.
01.**

Against the coercive measures initiated by the Bank, the Petitioner-borrower had raised a lis before the DRT in S.A. No.149 of 2025. In the said S.A., he had sought for interim protection and the DRT had accorded one, subject to Petitioner making certain payment which admittedly is made. Against the said order, the Bank took the matter in appeal to the DRAT which reversed the order of interim protection granted by the DRT, eventually resulting into filing of this petition.

2. Learned Panel Counsel, on request, appearing for the Opposite Parties opposed the petition.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and having perused the petition papers, more particularly the compliance payment which the Petitioner has made in lakhs of rupees, we are of the considered opinion that the impugned order of the DRAT be



set aside with a request to the DRT to hear and dispose off the S.A. on a war footing, keeping open all contentions of the parties.

In the above circumstances, this petition succeeds and a Writ of Certiorari issues quashing the DRAT order dated 16.04.2026 entered in Misc. Appeal No.90 of 2025; the DRT is requested to hear and dispose off the S.A. No.149 of 2025, within an outer limit of three (3) months. All contentions of the parties are kept open.

Now no costs.

Web copy of order to be acted upon by all concerned.

(Krishna S. Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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