



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPCRL No.70 of 2026

Pabitra Giri ***Petitioner***

Ms. S.S.Ray, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. G.Mohanty, Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

JUSTICE M. S. RAMAN

ORDER

05.06.2026

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- 1.** The matter is taken up in virtual mode.
- 2.** Heard Ms.S.S.Ray, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. G.Mohanty, learned Standing Counsel for Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3.
- 3.** The petitioner is the father of a minor girl child aged about two and half years. The statements made in the writ application indicate that the relief sought for is in the nature of seeking custody of the girl child by the father.
- 4.** There being a possibility of redacted settlement between the parties, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the contentions raised in the writ application, notice be issued on the question of admission to the Opposite Parties.



5. The learned Standing Counsel upon advance copy served appears and waives notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3. He requests for one extra copy of the writ application.
6. Notice be issued to Opposite Party Nos.4 to 7, whose names have been redacted in the cause title in their respective address, by Speed Post with registration and proof of delivery, indicating that the matter is likely to be disposed at the stage of admission. Requisites for issuance of notice shall be filed within three working days.
7. The learned Standing Counsel is also requested to obtain instruction through the O.Ps.-Authorities without taking any coercive measure regarding present situation of the minor child. The learned Standing Counsel shall also appraise the Authority that this is a matter of custody of a minor child and at present the custody is stated to be with the natural guardian, i.e., mother.
8. The matter shall be listed for fresh admission in the week commencing 6th July, 2026.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Vacation Judge

(M.S. Raman)
Vacation Judge