IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.24825 of 2026

[CNR No. ODHC010590532026]

Maa Mangala SHG …. **Petitioner**

Mr. Anjan Kumar Biswal, Advocate

-versus-

1. **State of Odisha, represented through its Secretary, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department, Bhubaneswar**
2. **Secretary, Department of Women & Child Develoment and Mission Shakti**
3. **Collector-Cum-District Magistrate, Puri**
4. **Sub-Collector-Cum-Licensing Authority, Puri**
5. **District Social Welfare Officer, Puri**
6. **Chief Civil Supplies Officer-Cum-District Manager, Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Puri**
7. **Block Development Officer, Gop Block, Puri** …. **Opposite Parties**

Mr. Sarathi Jyoti Mohanty, Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER
03.09.2026

Order No.
03. (Through Hybrid Mode)

1. On 24.08.2026, Mr. S.J. Mohanty, learned Additional Standing Counsel had prayed for at least one week time to file counter affidavit of the Opposite Party No.7-BDO, Gop.

2. On perusal of the para-wise comments received by him, this Court found that specific instructions as regards Annexures-5 and 6 had not been provided, for which it had been directed that after obtaining specific instructions regarding Annexures-5 and 6 from the Opposite Parties No.3 and 4 or the competent authority, counter affidavit shall be filed.

3. Today when the matter is taken up, Mr. Mohanty, learned Additional Standing Counsel submits that the Opposite Party No.7-BDO, Gop has prayed for two weeks' time to file the counter affidavit as he is busy due to "*ongoing Panchayat Samiti meeting-related engagements and the prevailing flood situation in Gop Block,"* he is *"presently preoccupied with urgent administrative, relief and field-level responsibilities."*

4. Since two weeks' time has been prayed for, list this case on 23.09.2026.

5. It is expected that by 21.09.2026, counter affidavit of Opposite Party No.7 shall be filed.

6. It is open to the learned State Counsel to file the counter affidavits on behalf of Opposite Party No.4 and Opposite Party No.6, if so advised.

7. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date.

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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