



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) NO.24163 OF 2025

Tofan Bhoi

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Petitioner

Mr. Suryasnath Mohapatra, Advocate

-versus-

Collector, Puri & Others

....

***Opposite
Parties***

*Mr. Bibekananda Nayak,
(Additional Government Advocate)
Mr. Amit Kumar Nath, Advocate
(For Commissioner of Endowments)*

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

10.02.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate for the State submits that although the instruction was sought for from the Collector and District Magistrate, Puri but the same is yet to be received. Hence, he prays for a short adjournment.
 3. This Court vide order dated 24.12.2025, directed learned State Counsel to take instruction from the Collector and District Magistrate, Puri with regard to the steps taken pursuant to the requisition made by learned Commissioner of Endowments, Bhubaneswar, on 4th February, 2025, under Section 25 of the Odisha Hindu Religious and Endowments Act, 1951. However, as submitted by Mr. Nayak, learned



Additional Government Advocate, no instruction has yet been imparted by the Collector, Puri.

4. This Court, expressing its displeasure at the indifferent attitude of the Collector, Puri adjourns the matter to be listed on 10th March, 2026.

5. Instruction, if any, shall be imparted by the Collector, Puri by that date positively, failing which this Court may take coercive measure in accordance with law.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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