



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P. (C) No.24163 OF 2025

Tofan Bhoi

.... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Suryasnath Mohapatra, Advocate

-versus-

Collector, Puri and others

.... ***Opp. 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

10.03.2026

Order No.

03. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Vide order dated 24th December, 2025, this Court directed learned State Counsel to take instruction from Collector and District Magistrate, Puri with regard to the steps taken pursuant to the requisition made by learned Commissioner of Endowments, Odisha Bhubaneswar on 4th February, 2025 under Section 25 of the Odisha Hindu Religious and Endowments Act, 1951. However, no instruction was imparted by the Collector Puri, in that regard.
- 2.1 The matter was last listed on 10th February, 2026, when this Court, expressing its displeasure at the indifferent attitude of the Collector, Puri, adjourned the matter to be listed on 10th March, 2026 directing therein instructions, if any, shall be imparted by the Collector,



Puri by today positively failing which, this Court may take coercive measures in accordance with law.

2.2 The Superintendent of Writ Branch (Division Bench) Section-2 has also communicated the order dated 10th February, 2026 to the Collector, Puri. But he has not yet responded to the same

3. Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate submits that the contents of the order was communicated to the Collector, Puri on 13th February, 2026. But no instruction has yet been received.

4. In that view of the matter, the Collector of Puri is directed to appear in person before this Court on 31st March, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. to explain the situation and assist the Court for just adjudication of this writ petition.

5. Learned Registrar (Judicial) of this Court shall communicate this order forthwith for compliance.

6. Put up this matter on 31st March, 2026.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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