



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.34769 of 2022

Sasmita Sahoo and Ors.

Petitioners

Mr. B. Routray, Sr. Adv.
with Mr. J. Biswal,
Advocate

-versus-

**State of Odisha and
Others**

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Opp. Parties

Mr. A. Tripathy,
AGA
Mr. M.K. Mishra, Sr. Adv.
Ms. P. Rath, Sr. Advocate
with Ms. S. Prusty,
Advocate for O.P. No.27

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

**Order
No**

**ORDER
25.03.2026**

- 59.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
- 2.** Heard learned counsels appearing for the parties.
- 3.** This matter was listed under the headings “To be Mentioned” at the instance of the Court, as this Court wants to recuse himself from delivering the judgment on the issue raised in the batch of Writ Petitions.



4. All these Writ Petitions were heard by this Court on different dates starting from 28.10.2025, till the matter was finally heard and judgment was reserved vide order dated 29.01.2026. After the matter was kept reserved for judgment as per order dated 29.01.2026, various petitions were filed with regard to an affidavit filed by Opp. Party No.27 on 21.01.2026 in the connected W.P.(C) No.7162 of 2023.

5. This Court taking into account the nature of petitions filed with the pleadings so made and the orders passed while dealing with those petitions vide order dated 03.02.2026 and 18.02.2026, is of the view that it will not prudent on the part of this Court to deal with the issue with delivery of the judgment which involves complex question of law. Accordingly, this Court wants to recuse itself from delivering the judgment, even though the matter was finally heard on 29.01.2026.

6. This Court while recusing itself from delivering the judgment in the present batch of writ petitions, directs the Registry to place the matter before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, for its assignment to any other available Bench for fresh hearing and disposal.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge