



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.4170 of 2025

Susanta Kumar Satapathy ***Petitioner***

Mr. Nihal Rath, Advocate

-versus-

Aravind Agrawal, IAS, ***Opp. Parties***
Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Bhubaneswar and Others

Mr. Bibekananda Nayak,
Additional Government Advocate

CORAM:
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA
JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER
08.05.2026

Order No.

03. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Mr. Rath, learned counsel for the Petitioner places on record the order dated 24th April, 2026 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.13828 of 2026. The said order reads as under:-

“1) *Delay condoned.*

2) *After hearing learned counsel for the parties and on consideration of the fact that SLP (c) No.19272/2023 (Diary No.26472/2023) against one of the Demonstrator Mr. Vijayananda Paricha has already been dismissed by this Court and review (RP(c) Diary No.35144/2024) filed against has also been dismissed on the ground of delay as well as on merits vide order dated 05.08.2025.*

3) *In the affidavit filed by the State indicating that the similar cases are pending, it has been specified that none of the cases has been dismissed on merits and it is only on the ground of delay. In our view, such an affidavit is primarily incorrect. The officer concerned must be careful in future while filing affidavit in Supreme Court. The said fact be brought to the notice of the controlling authority. At present,*



we take a lenient view and intimate the higher authorities to look into the same.

4) With the aforesaid observations, the present special leave petition stands dismissed."

3. A copy of the order is made over to Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate in Court.

4. Mr. Nayak, learned Additional Government Advocate, therefore, prays for a short adjournment to file compliance affidavit.

5. Let the compliance affidavit be filed within a period of three weeks hence serving copy thereof on learned counsel for the Petitioner.

6. Put up this matter on 3rd July, 2026 along with the compliance affidavit, if any, filed.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge