



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.25948 of 2026

CNR No.ODHC010617272026

***M/s. Sasmal Distributor,
Jagatsinghpur***

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Petitioner

Mr. Sukanta Kumar Dalai, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Sanjib Swain, AGA

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

20.08.2026

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- 01.** **1.** It is the specific stand of the Petitioner that after the issuance of the show-cause notice, the authorities were approached and apprised of the real facts and, upon being satisfied, the EMD was released to the Petitioner, which would be corroborated by the statement issued by the Petitioner's Bank. It is, thus, contended that once the EMD was released, the initiation of proceedings for blacklisting and blocking the portal is contrary to the provisions of the OPWD Code as well as the Clauses incorporated in the DTCN.
- 2.** Mr. Sanjib Swain, learned Additional Government Advocate (AGA), submits that there appears to be a dispute with regard to the



release of the EMD and, therefore, in the absence of any instructions from the concerned officer, he is unable to disclose the stand today. Such being the seminal point, we give an opportunity to the learned Additional Government Advocate (AGA) to obtain instructions.

3. List this matter on 27th August, 2026.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

AK Pradhan/Priyanka