



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No. 2495 of 2024

State of Odisha and others **Appellants**

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Jayanta Kumar Bal, AGA

-Versus -

Lokanath Behera and others **Respondents**

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. J.R. Khuntia, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

01.12.2025

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

01.

I.A. No. 6465 of 2024

1. I.A. has been filed for dispensing with filing of certified copy of the order challenged in appeal. Since it is an intra court appeal, the records of the disposed of writ application along with other connected papers are made available for reference.

2. Accordingly the I.A. is favoured and disposed of.

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3. I.A. has been filed for condonation of reported delay of 284 days in filing the appeal.

4. Heard learned AGA for the appellants.

Learned AGA relies on the decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **SLP(C) No. 11443 of 2023 : (State of Odisha and others v. Nikunja Kishore Panigrahi)**



decided on 21.11.2023, SLP(C) No.9008 of 2024 : (State of Odisha and others v. Madhurima Panigrahi) decided on 10.09.2024, ***SLP(C) No.25180 of 2024 : (State of Odisha and others v. Prasanna Kumar Jena and others)*** decided on 14.02.2025, ***SLP(C) No.2146 of 2024: (State of Odisha v. Sudhansu Sekhar Jena)*** decided on 21.02.2025 : ***2025 INSC 259: 2025 SCC Online SC 385, SLP(Civil) No. 23039 of 2024: (State of Odisha v. Ajaya Kumar Bhoi)*** decided on 19.03.2025, ***SLP(Civil) No. 15194 of 2024: (State of Odisha v. Shantilata Swain)*** decided on ***21.07.2025*** and ***SLP(C) No.13762 of 2024: (State of Odisha v. Bhikari Prusty)*** decided on 15.10.2024 to submit that in more than 500 SLPs similar I.As. seeking condonation of delay have been allowed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court while considering the said SLPs and have condoned the delay in filing the Writ Appeals upto 500 days before this Court and remanded the matters to be considered on merits by this Court.

5. Issue notice in the I.A. as well as Appeal.

Requisites for issuance of notice by speed post with AD be filed within five working days. Accept one set of process fee as well as postal requisites.

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6. Heard learned AGA. He reiterates his submission. He submits that the implementation of the direction would involve financial implication, therefore, during pendency of the appeal in interest of justice the operation of the order may be stayed.

7. Issue notice as above.



8. Accept one set of process fee as well as postal requisites, along with the Appeal and other I.A..
9. In the interim it is directed there shall be stay operation of the order dated 23.11.2023 in W.P.(C) No. 35677 of 2023 till the next date of hearing.
10. List this matter after S/R.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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