



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No.197 of 2024

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Appellants

Mr. Pitambar Acharya, AG

-versus-

***Hemanta Kumar Chhotary and
another***

....

Respondents

Mr. Ashok Mohanty, Sr. Advocate

Mr. B. Routray, Sr. Advocate

Mr. K K. Swain, Advocate

Dr. P. Chuli, Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE KRISHNA S. DIXIT

JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

02.07.2026

Order No.

16.

This matter was heard for some time on some occasions including yesterday. Today, learned AG-Mr. Acharya very passionately submits that the matter has propounded both in terms of jurisprudential propositions and also the financial burden that would be placed on the shoulders of the State if Appeal be adversely decided. He in so many words, submits that at least four to five hearing days are required for completing the arguments, regard being had to the complexity of legal issues involved. Since one of us (Krishna S. Dixit, Judge) is demitting office shortly, it is desirable that this matter be heard by some other Bench on a day-to-day basis.

There is a proposal from the learned Sr. Advocates appearing for the Respondent-employees that many of their clients have retired, some of them are dead and gone, and some



are suffering from terminal diseases like cancer and therefore, this matter be heard on priority basis and speedily.

In the above circumstances, we direct the Registry to place the Appeal Papers at the hands of Hon'ble the Chief Justice for consideration immediately.

(Krishna S. Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

AK Pradhan/Priyanka

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