



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WPC No. 31902 of 2025

Badhruta Charan Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. K.P. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. D.N.Lenka, AGA
for OPs.1 to 6

CORAM:

JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

23.02.2026

(Hybrid Mode)

Order No.

04.

1. Heard learned counsel for petitioner at some length.

The petitioner challenges the Annexure-5, i.e. letter dated 16.07.2025 issued from the office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Balangir by the ADM, Balangir disposing of the grievance petitions filed by the petitioner dated 26.06.2025, 24.02.2025 (Annexure-4 in vernacular Odia) and dated 18.01.2026.

The letter dated 16.07.2025 contains the following observations of the authority :

“With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that, as per the amendment in Section 11-A of the Society Registration Act, 1860 (Amendment 2021) in the event of any dispute arising among the members of the society in respect of any matter relating to affairs of the society including election, continuance of an office bearer in the society, any member of the society may file a petition in the court of Senior Civil Judge having jurisdiction over the



place at which the office of the society is situated and the said Court shall, after making necessary inquiry pass such order as it may deem fit. (copy enclosed)

Further, Sri Bhaskara Sahu of Gudighat may be advised to lodge F.I.R. in Munbahal Police Station, if such criminal action made by anybody as mentioned in your letter under reference.”

2. Learned AGA referring to the provision of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 particularly section 11A which is Odisha amendment, inserted vide Odisha Act No. 10 of 2021 submits that letter dated 16.07.2025 needs no interference by this Court. It is submitted by learned AGA that in view of the available efficacious remedy of approaching the court of learned Civil Judge (Sr. Division) having jurisdiction as well as the police having jurisdiction, the authority has dealt with the matter in a manner which is just and proper.

3. At this state learned counsel for the petitioner files memo of date which states thus :

“I do not want to pndy the petition and pray to case may kindly withdrawn.”(sic)

4. The writ petition is permitted to be withdrawn and is disposed of.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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