



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.33319 of 2025

Kshirod Prasad Meher

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Anirudha Das

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) Chief General Manager, Indian Oil
Corporation Ltd
3) Divisional Lpg Head, Indian Oil
Corporation Limited

Represented by Adv. –
Ms. S.Nayak, A.S.C.

Mr. Piyush Kumar Roy,
Adv. for O.P. Nos.2 & 3

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA

ORDER
16.12.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as the learned counsel for the Opposite Party Nos.2 and 3. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. By filing the present writ application the petitioner has made the following prayer:-

*“Therefore, it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may
be graciously pleased to admit this writ petition and
after hearing the parties be further pleased to ;
Quash the impugned letter dt.20.09.2025 of the
Opp.Party No.1 under Annexure-2 by holding the
same as bad, illegal and contrary to law;*

And

Direct the Opp.Parties to consider the



representations of the petitioner firm for allowing its' firm to continue as LPG Gas Distributor as before instead of going to open any new LPG Gas Distributor for Turekela Block, pending consideration of the representations of the petitioner;

AND

Granting any other relief(s) as the petitioners would be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that although the Petitioner has submitted a representation on 29.10.2024 ventilating his grievance before the Divisional LPG Head, Sambalpur Indane Divisional Office i.e. Opposite Party No.3, however, the grievance of the Petitioner remains unaddressed as of now. He also referred to the letter of the Deputy Secretary to the Govt. Odisha, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department dated 20.09.2025 at Annexure-2 with regard to opening of a new LPG distributor point at Turekela block of Bolangir, the same has also not been attended to by the Opposite Parties. Being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Parties the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the Opposite Party Nos.2 & 3 on the other hand contended that the dealership of a Petitioner has already been terminated in the meantime as the Petitioner was found to have violated the NVG guidelines. He further submitted that keeping in view the public interest necessary alternative arrangements have been made. On such ground, learned counsel for the Opposite Party Nos.2 and 3 submitted that the present writ application is devoid of merit and accordingly the same should be



dismissed.

6. Having heard the learned counsels for the respective parties, on a careful examination of the background facts as well as the materials on record, this Court taking into consideration the limited nature of the grievance involved in the present writ application, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ application at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite Parties to take a final decision on the representation under Annexure-1 as well as the letter of request at Annexure-2 if the same has not been addressed in the meantime. The decision be taken within four weeks from the date of communication of a copy of today's order. Any decision taken by the Opposite Parties be communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the writ application stands disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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