



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No.3382 of 2024

**M/s. Indian Railways Coal, Ash and
Workshop Handling Mazdur Union,
Khurda Road Branch, Khurda**

Appellant

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Avijit Patnaik, Advocate

-Versus-

Union of India and Others

Respondents

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Mahapatra, Senior Panel Counsel

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARINDAM SINHA,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. SAHOO

ORDER

07.02.2025

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- 01.** 1. Mr. Patnaik, learned advocate appears on behalf of appellant and submits, his client is the union representing interest of several contractual workers. They had challenged communication dated 11th March, 2014 denying them regularization. The learned single Judge by impugned judgment dated 8th November, 2024 dismissed the writ petition. His client has preferred appeal.
2. At this initial stage of hearing before this Bench he relies on **judgment dated 31st January, 2025** of the Supreme Court in **Civil Appeal no.8157 of 2024 (Shripal and Another v. Nagar**



Nigam, Ghaziabad). He submits, the exception provided in the judgment of the Supreme Court in **Secretary, State of Karnataka v. Uma Devi (3) and others** reported in **(2006) 4 SCC 1** have been relaxed by the said **judgment dated 31st January, 2025** (supra).

3. Mr. Mahapatra, learned advocate, Senior Panel Counsel appears on behalf of Union of India representing Railways.

4. List on 21st February, 2025.

(**Arindam Sinha**)
Acting Chief Justice

(**M.S. Sahoo**)
Judge

S.K. Jena/Secy.
A. Nanda