



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WA No.3403 of 2024**

***State of Odisha & Anr.*** ....

***Appellants***

Represented by Adv.-  
Mr. S.K. Jee, AGA

*-versus-*

***Jadunath Naik and Ors.*** ....

***Respondents***

Represented by Adv.-

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE KRISHNA SHRIPAD DIXIT  
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

**ORDER**  
**27.02.2026**

**WA No.3403 of 2024**  
**&**  
**I.A. No.8780 of 2024**

**Order No.**  
**01.**

Issue emergent notice to the Respondent-employee, returnable within two weeks, requisites for which shall be filed within three working days.

There is delay of 867 days in preferring the Appeal. Learned counsel for the Respondent opposes the application in I.A. No.8780 of 2024 supported by affidavit for condonation of delay saying that it is too long and that there is no plausible explanation.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and having perused the appeal papers, we are of the considered view that throwing out the main matter only on the ground of delay would not do justice to anyone. There are some arguable points in the matter, therefore, application is to be favourably considered.



In the above circumstances, application is allowed and delay is condoned subject to the condition that the Appellants shall collectively pay Rs.17,340/- (Rupees Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty) only (Rs.20/- per day) to the Respondent-employee within three weeks, failing which the application shall be deemed to have been rejected and as a consequence Appeal as well.

Call this matter immediately after three weeks.

***(Krishna Shripad Dixit)***  
***Judge***

***(Chittaranjan Dash)***  
***Judge***

*Prasant*