IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

<u>W.P.(C) No. 37297 of 2025</u>

Niranjan Routray …. ***Petitioner***

Mr. A.N. Routray, Advocate

-versus-

1. ***State of Odisha represented through its principal Secretary to Government, H&UD Department, Bhubaneswar***
2. ***Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation represented through its Commissioner, B.M.C, Bhubaneswar***

…. ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. P.K. Ray, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

<u>ORDER</u>

23.02.2026

<u>Order No.</u>

02. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. Assailing the demand notice issued by the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation dated 27.10.2024, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that without giving any opportunity to the Petitioner, the quantification of the holding tax has been increased many fold which is causing hardship and on instruction, it is submitted that as per the old rate at which the premises was being assessed there are no arrears and to fortify the same an affidavit is

stated to be filed on 19.02.2026. Registry is requested to place the same on record.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that ventilating his grievance the Petitioner has made a representation on 17.12.2024 vide Annexure-5 and alleging inaction in consideration of the same, the present writ petition has been filed.

5. Considering the limited nature of the grievance and the relief as sought for, the writ petition is disposed of without issuing notice to the Opposite Party No.2-Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar with the direction that the Petitioner shall submit a copy of this order along with the copy of the writ petition before the Opposite Party No.2- Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar within a period of two weeks hence and on receipt of the same, the same shall be considered four weeks thereafter after giving an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner or his authorized representatives. Till such consideration no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner for non-payment of holding tax as per the new rate.

6. In view of disposal of writ petition, pending I.As., if any, also stand disposed of.

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(V. Narasingh)
Judge