



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

**W.P.(C) No.1049 of 2026**

***The Management of Lift Irrigation Division, Kendrapara*** .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Ashok Kumar Panigrahi, Advocate  
-versus-

***Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Bhubaneswar and others*** .... ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal,  
Additional Standing Counsel

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA**

**JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

**ORDER**

**23.02.2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Petitioner in this writ petition seeks to assail the *ex-parte* order dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 (Annexure-1) passed by the learned Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Bhubaneswar in Industrial Dispute Misc. Case No.64 of 2023 filed by the Opposite Party Nos.2 to 5 under Section 33-C(2) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
3. In course of hearing, Mr. Panigrahi, learned Counsel for the Petitioner prays for withdrawal of the writ petition to approach the Labour Court, Bhubaneswar by filing an appropriate application to set aside the *ex-parte* impugned order under Annexure-1.
4. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of as withdrawn with an observation that in the event, an application to set aside the *ex-parte* order under Annexure-1



is filed within a period of two weeks hence along with an application for condonation of delay, the same shall be considered in accordance with law keeping in mind that the writ petition is pending before this Court since 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025 till date along with other grounds.

5. It is made clear that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case of the Petitioner in the present writ petition.

***(K.R. Mohapatra)***  
***Judge***

***(S.K. Mishra)***  
***Judge***

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