



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 129 of 2026

**Registrar (Judicial), Orissa High
Court**

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.—

-Versus-

**The Principal Secretary to
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

....

Opposite Party

Represented by Adv._
Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

09.01.2026

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

- 02.**
1. Heard Mr. D. Mohanty, learned Additional Government Advocate for the State of Odisha.
 2. Perused the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 4th November, 2025.
 3. Considering the same, we are of the view that the Member Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority, State of Odisha is a necessary party for adjudication of this suo moto Writ Petition.
 4. As such, along with the State of Odisha, the Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority be impleaded as Opposite Party No.2. Registry shall accordingly do the needful.
 5. Registry shall serve a copy of this suo moto Writ Petition on the newly impleaded Opposite Party No.2, learned Member



Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Odisha within next five working days.

6. The Opposite Party No.1, State of Odisha shall file an affidavit on or before 5th February, 2026 giving the updated statement of eligible prisoners in the State for their pre-mature release as on 31st December, 2025, i.e. subsequent to the affidavit filed by the State of Odisha before the Hon'ble Apex Court in suo moto Writ Petition (Criminal) No.04 of 2021, as per order of said Hon'ble Court dated 18th February, 2025.

7. The State-Opposite Party shall serve a copy of the affidavit to be filed by it, as directed above, on the newly impleaded Opposite Party No.2.

8. List this matter on 12th February, 2026.

9. Copy of this order be furnished to Mr. Mohanty, learned Additional Government Advocate for his necessary use.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge