



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

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

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

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. B.B. Routray, Advocate

-Versus-

**The Principal Secretary to the
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar and Others**

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA**

**ORDER
17.03.2026**

(Hybrid Mode)

Order No.

- 06.** **1.** Pursuant to our earlier order dated 10.03.2026, Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, learned Additional Govt. Advocate has placed copy of the affidavit sworn by Shri Pradyumnna Kumar Dash, Under Secretary to Govt. in Home Department, Government of Odisha that is already e-filed, wherein its Annexure-A contains the names of 48 Life Convicts who are in jail custody in different jails of the State for more than 14 years, whose cases are to be taken up by the State Sentence Review Board that was fixed yesterday, i.e. on 16.03.2026.



2. Mr. Mohanty, learned AGA has also placed E-communication dated 16.03.2026 of the D.G. of Prisons & D.C.S., Odisha stating that the said meeting of the State Sentence Review Board fixed yesterday could not be held and the date of the meeting of the Review Board is likely to be fixed shortly.
3. The affidavit filed on behalf of Opposite Party No.2 and the E-communication filed in Court today are taken on record.
4. Mr. Mohanty, learned AGA is directed to file the hard copy of said affidavit noted above before the Registry.
5. On the next date fixed, the Opposite Party – State shall apprise the Court about the revised date of the 48th meeting of the Sentence Review Board of the State of Odisha.
6. List the matter on 26th March, 2026.
7. It is expected that the State Sentence Review Board meeting shall be held at the earliest for remittance of the sentences of the Life Convicts. It is also made clear that this matter is under the supervision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
8. A copy of this order be furnished to Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, learned Additional Govt. Advocate for taking necessary steps.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge