



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

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

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

Petitioner

Represented By Adv.-
Mr. J. Biswal, Advocate

-versus-

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

Opp. Parties

Represented By Adv.-
Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK
AND**

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

02.07.2026

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

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1. Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the Opp. Parties furnished us a copy of the Letter No. 22227/JAILS, Bhubaneswar dated 23.06.2026 of the Joint Secretary to Government, Home Department addressed to the learned Advocate General intimating that the 48th Meeting of the State Sentence Review Board (SSRB) has now been scheduled to be held on 06.07.2026 at 6.00 PM.

2. We find that, on the previous occasion, the meeting of



the Board was to be held on 27.04.2026.

3. We fail to understand, what has prevented the Government from convening the meeting of the State Sentence Review Board, particularly when, this matter is being reviewed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. Acceding to the request made by the learned Additional Government Advocate, we are inclined to adjourn this matter to 09.07.2026 as a last chance. We make it abundantly clear that, in the event, the meeting of the SSRB is not held on 06.07.2026 as scheduled, appropriate adverse orders shall follow.

5. The copy of the Letter No.22227/JAILS, Bhubaneswar dated 23.06.2026 furnished by the learned Additional Government Advocate is taken on record.

6. A free copy of this order shall be granted to Mr. D. Mohanty, learned Additional Government Advocate for onward transmission to the competent authority.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge