

ITEM NO.39

COURT NO.14

SECTION XI-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 13223/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-07-2025
in WA No. 365/2024 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack]

STATE OF ODISHA & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

KISHORE CHANDRA PANDA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 82561/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 82559/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE
DEFECTS

Date : 10-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) : Mr. Chritarth Palli, AOR

UPON hearing the counsels, the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. The High Court took into consideration the letter of the CDMO and District Mission Director dated 27.02.2016 issued to the writ petitioner (i.e. respondent herein) to hold that termination of services was punitive in nature.
3. We have gone through the letter dated 27.02.2016. In our view, the said letter is stigmatic in nature and as there is no dispute that prior to termination of service, no opportunity of hearing was provided to the writ petitioner, we do not find a good ground to interfere with the impugned order, particularly, having regard to the law laid down by this Court in K. Ragupathi v. State of Uttar Pradesh and others, (2022) 6 SCC 346 and Swati Priyadarshini v. State of Madhya Pradesh

and others, (2024) 19 SCC 128.

4. The special leave petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

5. We make it clear that it shall be open for the petitioners to take recourse to appropriate proceedings and take appropriate decision after giving opportunity of hearing to the respondent.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(CHETAN ARORA)
AR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)