

ITEM NO.17+67

COURT NO.3

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No. 24732/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-03-2025
in FAO No. 705/2019 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack]

JAGANNATH PATTNAIK & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF ODISHA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 146499/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 146492/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 146487/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

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Diary No(s). 25185/2026 (XI-A)

(IA No. 148075/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 148074/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 148065/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Diary No(s). 25419/2026 (XI-A)

(IA No. 147384/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 147381/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 147379/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Diary No(s). 24254/2026 (XI-A)

(IA No. 147619/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 147620/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 147618/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Diary No(s). 29361/2026 (XI-A)

(IA No. 153742/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 153741/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 153739/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Diary No(s). 25857/2026 (XI-A)

(IA No. 153074/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 153073/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 153072/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Diary No(s). 72078/2025 (XI-A)

Diary No(s). 71347/2025 (XI-A)

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 6401/2026
[TO BE TAKEN UP ALONG WITH ITEM NO. 17 I.E. Diary No. 24732/2026]
(IA No. 148093/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.
148091/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE
DEFECTS and IA No. 148095/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 22-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.K. MAHESHWARI
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

- 1) Permission to file special leave petition granted.
- 2) Delay condoned.
- 3) Learned counsel appearing for the parties have fairly conceded that the issue as involved is covered by order dated 25.03.2026¹ passed by this Court whereby the said batch of cases concerning Grant-in-Aid has already been disposed

1 C.A. No. 3904/2026 (@SLP (C)No. 11673/2026)(@Diary No. 6943/2026)

of with observations as contained in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9.

The said observations are as under:

"7) In our view, the direction as issued by the High Court is completely in consonance with the reasoning as specified therein and the discretion has been left with the State to consider all the aspects as indicated hereinabove including the nature of the orders which have been passed by this Court in similar matters and to pass necessary orders subject to verification. In this light, we are not inclined to interfere.

8) Another reason is that numerous Special Leave Petitions, more than approximately 60 in number, filed before us and other coordinate Benches of this Court, have already been dismissed. Even after such dismissal, on insistence of learned Advocate General for the State, we have heard him at length and after hearing, we are not inclined to take a different view than that taken by us in previous other Special Leave Petitions as well as by other coordinate Benches of this Court. Accordingly, with the aforesaid, we are not inclined to entertain the present appeals filed by the State and are accordingly dismissed. As far as the appeals filed by the private persons are concerned, their cases shall also be dealt with in terms of the directions as issued by the High Court in similar manner and accordingly, such appeals stand disposed of.

9) Since the matters were pending before this Court after passing of the impugned order, therefore, the exercise as directed by the High Court be done by the State within six months from the date of this order."

4) After hearing and as conceded by the learned counsel for the parties, the issue as involved in the present special leave petitions is clearly covered by the said order. Therefore, we dispose of this batch on the same

terms.

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

(NIDHI AHUJA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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COURT MASTER (NSH)