IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.26823 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010615812026

Anjan Kumar Sahoo …. ***Petitioner***

Mr. A.K. Patra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others …. ***Opp. Parties***

Ms. B. Dash, ASC

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

Order No. **10.09.2026**

01. **1.** Without delving deep into the issue relating to the entertainability of the instant writ petition and the relief claimed therein, we find that the grievance is focused on the inaction and/or dormant attitude of the concerned authority in arriving at a decision, despite the communications having been made on several occasions by the Collector.

2. The Petitioner has annexed several letters issued by the Collector, recommending the inclusion of the Gram Panchayat within an exclusive privilege area; yet, no decision has been taken in the matter.

3. The learned Additional Standing Counsel submits, on instructions that the authorities are actively considering such recommendations, but a decision has not yet been taken.

4. We, thus dispose of the instant writ petition, directing the concerned authority to take a decision in a time bound manner. The competent authority shall take a decision within four (4) weeks from the date of the communication of this order, in accordance with law.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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