



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P. (C) No.21501 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010501142026

Smt.Chanchala Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. Himansu Sekhar Deo, Advocate

-versus-

**Odisha Information Commission,
Bhubaneswar and others**

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Opposite Parties

Mr. Smrutiranjana Dash, Advocate

(for O.P.1)

Mr. Suryakanta Parhi, Addl. Standing Counsel

(for O.Ps 2 to 6)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

Order No.

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ORDER

20.08.2026

1. This writ application has been filed by the petitioner with the following prayer:

"It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to admit the writ application, issue Rule NISI, calling upon the opp. parties to show cause as to why the impugned order dated 06.05.2026 under Annexure 11 in Second Appeal No.77/2024 passed by the opp. party No.1 shall not be set aside and the information sought for shall not be supplied to the petitioner and if the opp. parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause make the said Rule be absolute.

And the Hon'ble Court pleased to issue a writ of certiorari in setting aside the impugned order dated 06.05.2026 under Annexure- 11 in Second Appeal No.77/2024 passed by the opp. party No.1 and further direction may be issued to opp. party No.4 and 6 to supply the documents sought for by the petitioner within a time stipulated by the Hon'ble Court.

And pass any other order/orders, direction/directions as would be deemed fit and proper as facts and circumstances of the case.



And for the said act of kindness, the petitioner shall as in duty bound ever pray.”

2. Heard Mr. Himansu Sekhar Deo, learned Advocate for the petitioner, Mr. Smrutiranjana Dash, learned Advocate for opposite party No.1- Odisha Information Commission as well as Mr. Suryakanta Parhi, learned Addl. Standing Counsel for opposite party Nos.2 to 6-State.
3. Mr. Himansu Sekhar Deo, learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner submitted that the letter dated 20.12.2023 was issued by the Superintending Engineer and 1st Appellate Authority, Sonapur (R & B) Division instructing the Additional Chief Engineer (Estt.)-cum-1st Appellate Authority in the Office of the EIC (Civil), Odisha, Bhubaneswar to intimate the petitioner to attend the Office of the Superintending Engineer and 1st Appellate Authority, Sonapur (R & B) Division in between 02.01.2024 to 04.01.2024 (11.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.). It is submitted that the said letter was received by the petitioner on 06.01.2024 by Post. Therefore, he could not attend the concerned Office in time.
 - 3.1. The petitioner has not received any subsequent communication, if any, made in this regard. Hence, he prayed that the petitioner, for the aforesaid purpose, may be permitted to appear before the Superintending Engineer and 1st Appellate Authority, Sonapur (R & B) Division on 19.09.2026 or 25.09.2026 or 26.09.2026. Hence, learned counsel for the petitioner prayed that necessary direction may be given to the authority concerned to appear before him on the relevant dates as stated above.
4. Mr. Suryakanta Parhi, learned Addl. Standing Counsel has no objection to the above submissions made by learned Advocate for the petitioner.



5. Since the petitioner was given opportunity to verify the cash book, pay particulars and original pay documents of her husband, who have already retired from service on 30.04.2023 as per the letter dated 20.12.2023 of the Superintending Engineer and 1st Appellate Authority, Sonapur (R & B) Division, but due to reason stated above, she could not comply with the same, this Court on consent of the learned Additional Standing Counsel directs the petitioner to appear in the office of Office of the Superintending Engineer, Sonapur (R&B) Division, Sonapur for compliance of letter dated 20.12.2023 issued by the Superintending Engineer and 1st Appellate Authority, Sonapur (R&B) Division on 19.09.2026 or 25.09.2026 or 26.09.2026.
- 5.1. Needless to observe that on the appearance of the petitioner on any of the aforesaid dates as stated above, the authority concerned shall facilitate her to inspect the documents/records as contained in letter No.6973 dated 20.12.2023 (Annexure-8).
6. In view of the above conceded position, since there remains nothing to be decided in the instant writ petition, this Court feels it appropriate not to keep the instant writ petition pending as it would not subserve fruitful purpose.
7. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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