



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.31560 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010739102026

Chandramani Biswal & Petitioner(s)
Ors.

Mr. Shivsankar Mohanty, Adv.

versus-

The State of Odisha & Opposite Party(s)
Ors.

Miss Gayatri Patra, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

06.10.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing the present Writ Petition, the Petitioners being the shopkeepers in the Unit-I Market, Bhubaneswar, have sought for a direction from this Court to the Deputy Commissioner, Vending Zone, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar/ Opposite Party No.3 for rehabilitating them in the vending zones inside the Mahavir Vending Zone, Unit-I, Bhubaneswar.

3. Heard learned counsel for the respective Parties.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that soon after the fire broke out in the Unit-I Hata/market on

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20.01.2026, the Petitioners have been evicted from their respective shop rooms without following due process of law. They have not been rehabilitated till today despite having Trade Licenses and paying requisite license fees. They are forced to run their respective businesses over the places nearby the drainage system in the said locality, which is not commercially viable and for which their business activities are getting affected. He, accordingly, prays for allowing the prayer made in the present Writ Petition.

5. In her opposition, learned counsel for the State submits that instead of preferring the present Writ Petition, the Petitioners, at the outset, should have ventilated their grievances for the above purpose before the authority concerned.
6. At this juncture, learned counsel for the Petitioners prays for granting permission to the Petitioners to ventilate their grievances for the above purpose before the Deputy Commissioner, Vending Zone, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar/Opposite Party No.3.
7. Considering the submissions made on behalf of both the parties, this Court without expressing any opinion on the claim of the Petitioners, directs the Petitioners to approach the Deputy Commissioner, Vending Zone, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar/

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Opposite Party No.3 along with a representation for the above purpose within a period of ten working days hence. In such event, the Deputy Commissioner, Vending Zone, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation shall look into the grievance of the Petitioners and take appropriate steps for rehabilitation of the Petitioners within a period of four weeks thereafter.

8. This Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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