

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.191 of 2022

Odisha Pradesh Congress

.... Petitioner

Mr. S.N. Kar, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... Opp. Party

Mr.D.K. Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

THE CHIEF JUSTICE

JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

19.01.2022

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up by video conferencing mode.

2. With the election schedule having already been announced by the notification which has been impugned in the present petition and with the election process already underway, with 21st January, 2022 being the last date of filing of nominations, there is no scope for the Court to interfere with the election process at this stage. This is notwithstanding the fact that the petition may have been filed on a date when the notification had not yet been issued.

3. It would be nevertheless open to the Petitioner to seek appropriate remedies after the conclusion of the elections, in accordance with law. The Court accordingly declines to interfere at this stage.

4. The writ petition is disposed of.

5. As the restrictions due to resurgence of COVID-19 situation are continuing, learned counsel for the parties may utilize a printout of the order available in the High Court's website, as par with certified copy, subject to attestation by the concerned advocate, in the manner prescribed vide Court's Notice No.4587, dated 25th March, 2020,

modified by Notice No.4798, dated 15th April, 2021 and Court's Office Order circulated vide Memo Nos.514 and 515 dated 7th January, 2022.

(Dr. S. Muralidhar)
Chief Justice

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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