

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

**W.P.(C) No.4670 Of 2022
(Through hybrid mode)**

***M/S. Shree Govinda Medicine
Store, Puri and another***

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Petitioners

Mr. S.Swain, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. P.C. Panda, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE ARINDAM SINHA

**ORDER
21.03.2022**

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1. Mr. Swain, learned advocate appears on behalf of petitioners and submits, his clients' drug licence expired during the pandemic. His clients belatedly applied for renewal as he himself was infected with the COVID-19. Pursuant to the application his clients have also made representation dated 9th February, 2022. In the representation his clients referred to suo motu cognizance **order dated 23rd September, 2021** passed by the Supreme Court. He submits, there be direction for the representation to be considered by opposite party no.2.

2. Mr. Panda, learned advocate, Additional Government Advocate appears on behalf of State.

3. Opposite party no.2 will consider and deal with the

representation dated 9th February, 2022. In event said authority finds reason for the delay was prevention by happening of the pandemic and the statue provides for condonation, the order relied upon by petitioners, thereby, should be applied, to condone the delay and issue the licence. Either way petitioners must be informed within three weeks of communication.

4. The writ petition is disposed of.

Prasant



(Arindam Sinha)
Judge