

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WPC NO.5422 OF 2022**

***Anjali Pradhan***

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***Petitioner***

Mr.A.Mishra, Adv.

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha & ors.***

....

***Opposite Party(s)***

Mr.U.K.Sahoo, ASC  
Mr.B.Routray, Sr.Adv.

**CORAM:  
JUSTICE BISWANATH RATH**

**ORDER  
24.2.2022**

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1. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
2. It appears, the Petitioner has a serious allegation in the matter of violation of free and fair election, booth rigging also involving mal practices in Kadrayan Gram Panchayat and Booth No.7 of Karua Gram Panchayat in the present Gram Panchayat Election.
3. Referring to Annexure-2, learned counsel for the Petitioner claims that on the selfsame issue, there is already a complain pending before the State Election Commission for its consideration.
4. However, there is no proof of service of such copy on the Competent Authority. Be that as it may, looking to the serious allegation involved herein and recording the statement that counting

in such Constituency is likely to be taken place tomorrow, this Court in disposal of the Writ Petition directs that in the event the State Election Commission is in receipt of such complain and there has been no decision on the same as of now, decision on the same will be taken at least before counting of votes is taken place and decision of the same will also be communicated to the Petitioner on her address provided therein.

5. A free copy of this order be supplied to Mr.B.Routray, learned senior counsel.

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