

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

**W.P (C) No. 10099 of 2022**

*State of Odisha & Ors.*

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*Petitioners*

*Mr. A.K. Mishra, AGA*

Vs.

*Jayanti Behera & Ors.*

.....

*Opposite party*

**CORAM:**

**DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI**

**MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO**

**ORDER**

**06.05.2022**

**Order No.**

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This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-petitioners.

3. The petitioners-State have filed this writ petition challenging the order dated 28.02.2019 passed by the Odisha Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, Bhubaneswar in O.A. No. 819 of 2015.

4. As it appears, though Odisha Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, Bhubaneswar passed the impugned order on 28.02.2019, but the State-opposite parties have preferred this writ petition on 20.04.2022, i.e., after long lapse of more than three year, which shows that the State is not vigilant of his own conduct.

5. Mr. A.K. Mishra, learned Addl. Government Advocate prays that the matter may be disposed of on merit.

6. Such a contention is rejected. This Court is not inclined to entertain this writ petition at this belated stage, as the writ petition suffers from delay and laches, in view of the judgment/order of

this Court in the case of *State of Odisha v. Surama Manjari Das* (W.P.(C) No. 15763 of 2021 dismissed on 16.07.2021).

7. Accordingly, the writ petition merits no consideration and the same is hereby dismissed.

**(DR. B.R. SARANGI)**  
**JUDGE**

**(SAVITRI RATHO)**  
**JUDGE**

*Ashok/Puspa*

