

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**W.P.(C) No. 20649 of 2011**

***Laxman Kumar Behera***

....

***Petitioner***

Mr. S.P. Mishra, Senior Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha and Others***

...

***Opposite Parties***

Mr. S.N. Das, Addl. Standing Counsel

**CORAM:**  
**THE CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK**

**ORDER**  
**17.05.2022**

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15. 1. The Petitioner's concern is that the enquiry against him should not proceed without following due process of law; that he should be provided with all the materials against him including copies of the statements and also he must be provided opportunity to cross-examine the deponents who may be speaking against him.
2. These are basic principles of natural justice which the Court has no reason to believe, would not be adhered to by the enquiry committee. Moreover, the Court notices that the complainant has not been made a party to the present petition and therefore, it is not possible to continue to hear the present petition in the absence of the complainant.
3. For the above reasons, the Court is not inclined to interfere in the matter. With the observations that all the principles outlined in para 1 above must be followed by the enquiry committee, the

interim order is vacated. The enquiry be completed now within a period of six months.

4. The petition is disposed of.

***(Dr. S. Muralidhar)***  
***Chief Justice***

***(R.K. Pattanaik)***  
***Judge***

*S.K. Jena/Secy.*

