IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 9786 of 2026

Arati Pradhan .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Pattanaik, Advocate

-versus-

1. ***State of Odisha represented through it's Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt., Housing & Urban Development Department, Govt. of Odisha, BBSR, Khurda***
2. ***Director, Housing & Urban Development & Public Enterprises Department, Govt. of Odisha, BBSR***
3. ***Collector & District Magistrate, Nayagarh***
4. ***Project Director, District Urban Development Agency, Nayagarh***
5. ***Executive Officer, Khandapada Notified Area Council (NAC), Khandapada, Nayagarh,***

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. M.R. Mohanty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
10.04.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The Petitioner in capacity of the elected Chairperson of the Khandapada NAC has assailed the action and inaction of the authorities in preventing her from discharging her statutory function under violation of the Odisha Municipal Act, 1950.

3. It is submitted that setting at naught the principle of self-governance the Petitioner is being deprived to issue the work orders in terms of PMAY (Urban) 2.0. Hence, this writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the State submits that the Petitioner has ventilated her grievance recently i.e. on 21.03.2026 and without awaiting the response, she has rushed to this Court and on the said count alone the writ petition is liable to be rejected.

5. Considering the rival submission, this Court is persuaded to hold that interest of justice would be subserved, if the Opposite Party No.3 (Collector & District Magistrate, Nayagarh) is directed to consider the representation of the Petitioner stated to have submitted on 21.03.2026 (Annexure-3) and take a decision within a period of one week from the date of

receipt of copy of this order along with the copy of the writ petition.

The decision, so taken, shall be communicated to the Petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

7. UCC as per rules.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

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