



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ELPET No.19 of 2024

Manoj Kumar Panda

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Election Petitioner

Represented by
Mr. Gopal Kumar Agarwal ,
Sr. Advocate with
Ms. S. Srivastava, Advocate

-versus-

K. Anil Kumar

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Respondent

Represented by
Mr. B. Bhuyan,
Senior Advocate with
Mr. S. Mohanty, Advocate

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

07.11.2025.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. An explanation submitted by Dr. Saravana Vivek M, Superintendent of Police, Berhampur in obedience to the order passed by this Court on 31.10.2025 addressed to the Registrar General of this Court has been placed before this Court by the registry.



3. After going through the explanation, it appears that the S.P. has admitted to giving statements referring to the pending election petition before the press.
4. Let him file an affidavit further explaining his conduct. Such affidavit should be filed by 10th November, 2025.
5. List this matter on 11.11.2025.
6. Whether the conduct amounts to contempt or not will be considered by this Court after receiving the affidavit.
7. It is made clear that the Superintendent of Police shall appear in person before this Court on 10.30. A.M.
8. A free copy of this order be handed over to the State counsel for compliance.
9. Learned counsel for the parties are permitted to go through the written explanation received by this Court.
10. Registry is directed to communicate this order to the Superintendent of Police, Berhampur forthwith.

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(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge