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(JUDICIAL SECTION)

Letter No. 1213 /Judl-VII-01/2026.

Date. 20/05/2026.

From Pawar Sachin Prakash, I.A.S,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Kalahandi, Odisha, PIN-766001.

To The Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub.: Submission of redressal on grievance petition of Smt. Jayanti Das regarding animal sacrifice during Maa Manikeswari Chhatar Jatra at Bhawanipatna.

Ref.: Grievance Petition submitted by Smt. Jayanti Das and your message Dtd.17.02.2026 through e-Mail.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am to submit herewith the redressal on the grievance petition filed by Smt. Jayanti Das regarding the issue of animal sacrifice during observance of Maa Manikeswari Chhatar Jatra in Bhawanipatna under Kalahandi district.

Upon receipt of the grievance petition, the matter was duly examined at the district level. Necessary reports were sought for from the concerned authorities, including the Sub-Collector, Bhawanipatna, Superintendent of Police, Kalahandi, and Executive Officer of Bhawanipatna Municipality. Field verification and stakeholder consultations were also undertaken.

It is submitted that the festival of Maa Manikeswari Chhatar Jatra is a traditional and culturally significant event in the district, observed annually with participation from a large number of devotees. However, in view of the concerns raised in the grievance petition regarding animal sacrifice, the district administration has taken note of the sensitivities involved.

As regard to orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha in W.P.(C) Case No.19827 of 2017 filed by Smt. Jayanti Das the following action has been taken by the District Administration, Kalahandi during the Chhatar Yatra-2025:-

The superintendent of Police, Kalahandi, All BDOs, District Education Officer, Kalahandi, E.O., Bhawanipatna, E.O., NAC, Dharamgarh/Junagarh/Kesinga, DIPRO, Kalahandi has been directed to sensitize, educate and to take preventive measures to stop slaughter of animals/birds in Chhatar Vijaya Yatra-2025 vide this office

letter No.2440, Dtd.15.09.2025.

A press Clipping has been released by the Collector & District Magistrate, Kalahandi in Odia Language regarding preventive measures to stop slaughter of animals/birds in Chhatar Vijaya Yatra-2025 vide this office letter No.2441, Dtd.15.09.2025.

The Superintendent of Police, Kalahandi has submitted Action Taken Report in Compliance to the Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha in W.P.(C) Case No.19827 of 2027 filed by Smt. Jayanti das vide letter No.447, dtd.19.09.2025 as follows:-

All IICs of the Kalahandi have created awareness among the people of their respective Jurisdiction through Ama Police Samitee not to sacrifice animals and bird during Chhatar Yatra of Goddess of Maa Manikeswari and appealed to all to transmit the message to kith and kin of their locality. Besides it, IIC, Bhawanipatna Town PS has also created awareness among the people of Bhawanipatna by micking that Sacrificing of Animal and Bird is a sin and people should offer flower and Coconut to the Goddess Maa Manikeswari instead of animals and birds. Rallies were organized on different occasions involving students of different colleges and schools to generate awareness to stop slaughter of animals and birds during Chhatar Yatra. A meeting has been convened by the Superintendent of Police, Kalahandi with distinguished Senior Citizens of Bhawanipatna Town and appealed them to prevent sacrifice of Animals and Birds during the Chhatar Yatra of Maa Manikeswari on public road or in and around of Maa Manikeswari Temple. Vivid Police arrangement has been made to keep a vigil eye over the activities of person who have chalked out plan of any kind of nuisance by way of animal sacrifice. CCTVs Camera has already been installed to record the procession of deity and to avoid any sort of untoward incident during Chhatar Yatra-2025

The grievance petition of Smt. Jayanti Das has thus been examined, and appropriate administrative measures had been initiated to address the concerns raised.

The Action Taken Report has already been sent to the Deputy Collector, G & M Section, Collectorate, Kalahandi vide this office letter No.3231/JudI, Dtd.02.12.2025 for redressal of grievance petition of Smt. Jayanti Das. (Copy is enclosed).

This is submitted for favour of kind information and further necessary orders.

Encl.: **As above.**

Yours faithfully,

Signature valid

Signed by: Sachin Pawar,
COLDM,
Collectorate Office Kalahandi
Date:19-May-2026 17:07:54

**Collector & District Magistrate,
Kalahandi.**

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Copy submitted to all Officials (copy submitted through E-Mail by the petitioner Smt. Jayanti Das and Copy forwarded by Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha through e-Mail received on 17.02.2026 at 08:57:11 P.M.) for favour of kind information.

Copy to Smt. Jayanti Das through her e-Mail I.D (jayatidasorissa2012@gmail.com)
for information.

Signature valid

Signed by: Sachin Pawar,
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**Collector & District Magistrate,
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