THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA, CUTTACK

STANDING ORDER NO.5 OF 2024

Cuttack, dated the 24th September, 2024

In the Order dated 08.07.2024 passed in SLP (Crl.) No.10476 of 2023 (Jaiki Singh Vrs. Shrawan Sharma & Anr.), Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India have been pleased to observe as follows:

"Before we part with this order, we may note that there is a growing tendency to plead law in the counter affidavits and to quote the decisions of this Court. It is elementary that law need not be pleaded in the pleadings. A counter affidavit should not be made bulky and lengthy by quoting decisions of this Court. We hope and trust that the State Government will take notice of this observation."

Considering the above directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, this Hon'ble Court have been pleased to instruct that the law need not be pleaded in the pleadings. A Counter affidavit should not be made unnecessarily lengthy or bulky by quoting Judgments/Orders of the Hon'ble Apex Court or High Court, as the case may be.

The above instruction shall be followed scrupulously with immediate effect.

By Order of the Chief Justice

(Asanta Kumar Das)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

[Administrative Department] [Rules Section]

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