



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No. 2483 of 2026

Bharat Pradhan & Anr.

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Petitioners

Mr. R.K. Acharya, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Mr. S.P. Das, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

24.03.2026

Order No. 03

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. On the oral prayer made by the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners, he is permitted to implead Member Secretary-cum-Transport Commissioner, Odisha as Opp. Party No. 4 in Court.
3. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.
4. Petitioners have filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

“It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the writ petition, call for the records, issue Rule NISI calling upon the Opp. Parties to show cause as to why appropriate direction shall not be issued to the Opp. Parties to pay compensation of Rs.4,00,000/- along with interest @ 12% per annum from the date of accident to the petitioners on account of death of Prafulla Kumar Pradhan.

And if the Opp. Parties do not show cause or show insufficient cause issue a Writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the Opp. Parties to pay Rs.4,00,000/- as



compensation along with interest @ 12% per annum from the date of accident on the compensation amount to the petitioners within a stipulated period of time as fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

And further pass any Order/Orders or Direction/Directions as the Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper;

And for this act of kindness the petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray."

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that though highlighting their grievances, Petitioners have filed a representation at Annexure-6 to the Writ Petition before the Opp. Party No. 4, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, learned counsel for the Petitioners prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No. 4 to take a decision on the above noted Petition within a specific time period.

6. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No. 4 to take a decision on the above noted petition in accordance with law, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioners.

7. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

Sneha