



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.27498 of 2011

Ranubala Dash

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Petitioner

*Mr. Balaram Behera on behalf of
Mr.Dillip Kumar Mohapatra, Advocate*

-versus-

State of Orissa and others

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Opp. Parties

*Mr. Anshuman Sethy, ASC for
opposite party nos.1 to 3
Mr. L.K. Mohanty, Advocate for
opposite party no.4*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO**

ORDER

23.03.2026

Hybrid Mode

Order No.

07. 1. The matter is listed for hearing under the heading 'For Admission.'

2. Along with the case record letter sent by the petitioner addressed to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, which is in vernacular Odia, by registered post with A.D. has been kept on record marked at Flag-C. The letter is dated 17.03.2017, sent by registered post on 28.03.2017.

Being able to read and understand Odia, this Court has gone through the said letter addressed to Hon'ble the Chief Justice. The petitioner inter alia has submitted regarding listing of the matter and adjudication.



2. Today the matter has been listed though at serial no.27, it is the first in the category of 'For Admission'. Accordingly, it has to be observed that the petitioner's anxiety regarding listing of the matter has been taken care of and in the matter is in the list.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner was heard at length. He refers to the order dated 30.06.2009 passed by the Division Bench in W.P.(C) No.1818 of 2009. By the said order, the Division Bench of this Court observed as follows:

“...”

2. In the aforesaid scenario, this Court disposes of this Writ Petition directing the Director, Secondary Education-opposite party no.2 to dispose of the appeal said to have been filed by the petitioner strictly in consonance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four months from the date of communication of this order, if the same is still pending.”

Apparently, the Division Bench proceeded in the premises that an appeal filed by the petitioner under the statutory provisions was pending before the Director, Secondary Education, Odisha.

4. The learned counsel refers to the Annexure-10 of the writ petition which is photo copy of the petition dated 11.01.2010 filed before the Director, Secondary Education. He then refers to Annexure-11 to the writ application which indicates the Appeal No.20 of 2010 before the Director, Secondary Education which bears the signature of the petitioner with dated 23.04.2011.



5. Paucity of time intervenes. The matter shall be listed for admission in the week commencing 04.05.2026.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has adjournment to address further.

6. Mr. L.K. Mohanty, learned counsel for opposite party no.4 submits that he does not have copy of the case brief. The headmaster representing the managing committee in the meanwhile had retired from his service. He requests for copy of the writ petition and other papers.

The learned counsel for the petitioner may provide the copy of writ petition and other papers to Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel within five working days. Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel shall also have the liberty to obtain soft copy/hard copy of the writ petition and other connected papers from the Registry of this Court.

7. Considering the matter is pending since 2011, the learned Additional Standing Counsel shall take steps to file counter, if any, by 20.04.2026, upon serving copy thereof on the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the opposite party no.4.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge