



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.2499 of 2026

Maria Muthamajhi* *Petitioner(s)

Mr. Chandrakanta Nayak, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others* *Opposite Party(s)

Mr. Debraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

**Order
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06.05.2026**

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1. Heard.

2. The petitioner, by invoking the writ jurisdiction of this Court, has assailed the order dated 18.11.2025 passed by the Sub-Collector, Baliguda-opposite party No.3 disengaging her from the post of Anganwadi Worker in Parampanga Anganwadi Centre under Parampanga Grampanchayat, Baliguda. The sole ground of challenge is only confined to the alleged non-compliance of principles of natural justice.

3. Mr. Nayak, learned counsel for the petitioner by pointing out the guidelines submits that non-affording



an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner before passing the order of disengagement is directly in violation of the cardinal principle of *audi alteram partem*. Hence, he seeks indulgence of the writ Court.

4. On the contrary, Mr. Mohanty, learned Additional Government Advocate for the State submits that since there is an efficacious alternative remedy of appeal is provided under the law, no writ is maintainable. He further submits that whether in the case in hand the principles of natural justice has been followed or not, involves disputed questions of facts, which could be appropriately agitated before the appellate authority instead of in the writ proceeding.

5. Regard being had to the submissions of both the parties, this Court is of the considered view that since an alternative remedy is provided under law, the petitioner shall resort to the said remedy instead of invoking the writ jurisdiction of this Court. It is open for the petitioner to raise all the points including the point of non-compliance of principles of natural justice before the appellate authority. It is expected that once



the appeal is filed, the appellate authority shall do well to see that the same is decided as expeditiously as possible.

6. With this observation, the writ petition is disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

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