



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.4733 of 2026

Sanju Panigrahi

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
M/s. Madhusudan Sethi,
P.k. Maharana

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
C.M. Singh, A.S.C.

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

30.04.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Perused the memo filed by the newly engaged counsel for the Petitioner. It appears that the new counsel has obtained the consent of the previous counsel and he has made a request to permit him to address this Court on behalf of the Petitioner.
3. Taking into consideration the aforesaid facts, the vakalatnama of the newly engaged counsel is accepted and his name be reflected in the cause list.
4. On the prayer of learned counsel for the State, he is granted six weeks' time to file counter affidavit.
5. List this matter in the week commencing 20.07.2026. Registry is directed to delete the name of Mr.Rajendra Narayan Rout, learned counsel and his associates from the cause list and the



case.

I.A No.7022 of 2026

6. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.

7. It is stated by learned counsel for the Petitioner that although the Petitioner is due to retire within the next one year and he has been placed under suspension, the Opposite Parties are not paying any subsistence allowance to the Petitioner in violation of the rules. He further contended that the Petitioner is going to complete six months under suspension by end of next month. However, he has not been paid his subsistence allowance.

8. In view of the aforesaid position, the Petitioner is granted liberty to approach the competent authority for grant of subsistence allowance. In such eventuality, the Opposite Parties shall take prompt steps to ensure that the subsistence allowance is released in favour of the Petitioner within a period of three weeks from the date of the Petitioner approaches the competent authority.

9. Accordingly, the I.A stands disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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