



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C). NO.4900 OF 2017

Deepak Kumar Sethi and others* *Petitioners

Mr. Sameer Kumar Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and another* *Opp. Parties

Mr. Swayambhu Mishra,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

18.02.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. From the record, it appears that initially, the Petitioners were appointed as Copyists on remuneration basis. Subsequently, the Remunerated Copyists of the Court were temporarily appointed as Copyists in the scale of pay of Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590/- with usual allowances as sanctioned by the State Government from time to time.
 3. It is submitted by Mr. Das, learned Counsel for the Petitioners that scale of pay of the Copyist is equal to the Junior Assistant. Further vide order dated 30.06.2008 (Annexure-3), the Petitioners were absorbed as Junior Assistants in the same scale of pay. At para-4 of the counter affidavit, the Opposite Party No.2 stated that the post of Copyist and Junior Assistant which were prevalent then, bear the same scale of pay and was also in the Group-C category. It is also clarified in the counter affidavit that the Petitioners, who were initially appointed as Copyists have been subsequently absorbed in the post of Junior Assistant, vide Office order No.6086 dated 30.06.2008. Thus, the question arises as to why the Petitioners would not be entitled to the RACP with



effect from 30.09.2003, when they were temporarily appointed as Copyists against substantive posts with a definite scale of pay.

4. Mr. Mishra, learned Additional Standing Counsel prays for an adjournment to apprise the Court on the aforesaid issue.

5. Put up this matter on 5th March, 2025 for further hearing.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K.Mishra)
Judge

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