



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.5790 of 2026

Bibhudatta Pradhan

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Niranjan Nayak

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
S.Behera, A.G.A.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

23.02.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as documents annexed thereto.
3. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner with the following prayers:

“Under the above circumstance, it is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to admit the writ petition and after hearing from both the parties issue a writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, direction or order by directing the opposite parties to reconsider the case of the petitioner by transferring the petitioner from the present school i.e. HCM Nodal High School, At/PO - Chhaitana, Dist-Puri to his previous school i.e. Sarada Bihar High School, Samangara within a stipulated period of time as would be fixed by this Hon'ble Court,

And/or pass such other order or direction as deems



fit proper in the interest of justice.”

4. The grievance of the Petitioner in the present writ application is that although the Petitioner was transferred pursuant to the office order dated 23.10.2025 at Annexure-1 to the writ application. However, in a similar writ application, a Coordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.(C) No.20875 of 2025 in the matter of ***Ranjan Kumar Tripathy vs. State of Odisha & Ors.*** & a batch of similar other writ applications which was disposed of by a common judgment dated 27.11.2025 has held that such transfer on the recommendation of MPs & MLAs are bad in law. Accordingly, necessary direction has been given at para-4.7 of the said judgment.

5. On perusal of the aforesaid judgment it appears that at para-4.7, the learned Coordinate Bench has directed the Opposite Parties to restore the Petitioners to their original places of posting within a week after expiry of the academic year 2025-26. The grievance of the Petitioner in the present writ application is that such direction contained at para-4.7 of the judgment in ***Ranjan Kumar Tripathy***'s case (supra) has not been followed.

6. On a careful consideration of the submissions made by learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court is of the view that such prayer is premature at this stage as the academic year 2025-26 has not come to an end. In such view of the matter, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the present writ application by directing the Opposite Parties to implement the judgment of this Court in ***Ranjan Kumar Tripathy***'s case (supra) diligently and scrupulously, particularly, the direction contained in para-4.7. Similarly, It is also directed that the case of the Petitioner be also considered in the light of the judgment in ***Ranjan Kumar***



Tripathy's case (supra), if the same is applicable to the Petitioner in terms of the direction contained in the judgment rendered in *Ranjan Kumar Tripathy*'s case (supra).

7. With the aforesaid observations/ directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Anil