



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**W.P.(C) No.5770 of 2026**

***Prasanta Kumar Mohanty***

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***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Jajati Keshari Khuntia

-versus-

***State of Odisha and others***

.....

***Opposite Parties***

Mr. Sarbeswar Behera, AGA

**CORAM:**

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

**ORDER**

**23.02.2026**

**Order No.**

01.        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 application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3.    By filing the present writ petition, the Petitioner has sought for the following reliefs:

*“It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ application, call for the records, issue notice to the opp. parties and on hearing issue writ of mandamus directing the opp. party No.3 and 4 to pass necessary orders on the letter dated 24.07.2025 issued by the Govt. of Odisha, ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department under annexure- 8 with regard*



*to intra district transfer of the petitioner to existing vacancy within a time stipulated by the Hon'ble Court.*

*And pass any other order/orders, direction/directions as would be deem fit and proper as facts and circumstances of the case.”*

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that on the ground of illness of his father, who is suffering from cancer, the Petitioner submitted a representation for his intra-district transfer to the authorities. Such prayer for transfer was placed before the transfer committee. He further submitted that the transfer committee, vide order dated 24.07.2025 at Annexure-8, recommended the transfer of the Petitioner to the D.W.O., Khurda. Since no decision has been taken pursuant to the recommendation of the transfer committee, although several months have elapsed in the meantime, the Petitioner being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Parties, has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contended that he has no specific instruction in the matter. However, he further contended that taking into consideration the recommendation of the transfer committee headed by the Collector and further keeping in view the fact that no decision has been taken on the recommendation of the transfer committee, he will have no objection in the event this Court directs the Opposite Party No.4-District Welfare Officer, Khurdha to consider the recommendation of the transfer committee at Annexure-8 and pass necessary consequential



orders in accordance with law and within a stipulated period of time.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for both the sides, on a careful examination of the background facts of the present case and keeping in view the grievance of the Petitioner, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ petition at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite Party No.4 to consider the recommendation of the transfer committee dated 24.07.2025 at Annexure-8 and pass necessary consequential order, if no such consequential order passed in the meantime, within a period of four weeks. The final order so passed be communicated to the Petitioner within a week thereafter.

7. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

***(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra )***  
***Judge***

*Debasis*