



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No.540 of 2025

Tarun Kumar Mohapatra* *Appellant

Mr. K.C. Mohapatra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others* *Respondents

Mr. S.B. Panda, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE KRISHNA SHRIPAD DIXIT

JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER

25.03.2026

Order No.

02. Appellant's W.P.(C) No.8620 of 2020 was allowed by a learned Single Judge vide order dated 28.11.2024 in the light of Tribunal's decision in O.A. No.2595 of 2014 disposed off on 05.02.2016. Subsequently, it was noticed that the Appellant was not covered under the decision of the Tribunal and as a consequence, in terms of I.A. No.16991 of 2024, the learned Single Judge recall the said order and dismissed the Writ Petition vide order dated 20.01.2025, which is now put in challenge in the Appeal at our hands.

2. We notice that the subject matter of this Appeal is substantially similar to the one in W.P.(C) No.8627 of 2020 between ***Taranisen Pattnaik v. State of Odisha,***



disposed off by the learned Single Judge vide order dated 25.06.2024, where relief has been accorded to the litigant therein.

3. Counsel for the Appellant has placed on record Government notification dated 09.01.2026, whereby the order of the learned Single Judge has been implemented. The said notification reads as under:

“GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Bhubaneswar, dated the 09 JAN 2026

*“No. **RDM-CON-CASEHC-0015-2020-1501 /R&DM**, In pursuant to the orders dated 25.06.2024 of the Hon'ble High Court dated passed in W.P. (C) No. 8627 of 2020, the case of Sri Taranisen Pattnaik, ORS, Group-B (Retd.) was placed before the Review Selection Board held on 03.12.2025 and as per the recommendation of the Review Selection Board and pending concurrence of the Odisha Public Service Commission, Sri Pattnaik is allowed notional promotion to the rank of OAS Group-A (Junior Branch) notionally with effect from 13.02.2020 i.e. the date his junior, Sri Radha Ranjan Das got such promotion.*

Sri Pattnaik will not get any arrear financial benefits for the period in which he has not actually worked on the account of his notional promotion. The actual benefits shall be extended in favour of Sri Pattnaik only from the date of his retirement from Govt. Service on superannuation.

*By order of the Governor
(Sd/-Addl. Secretary to Government)”*

In view of the above position emerging from the records, much adjudication and deeper examination of the matter need not be undertaken by us. There being no



challenge to the order of the learned Single Judge in Pattnaik's case *supra*.

In the above circumstances, this Appeal is allowed; the impugned order of the learned Single Judge is set at naught; a Writ of Mandamus issues to the jurisdictional authorities to consider the case of Appellant in the light of the decision of the learned Single Judge in Taranisen Pattnaik *Supra* within an outer limit of eight weeks. In that connection, all contention of the parties are kept one.

Web copy of this order to be acted upon by all concerned.

(Krishna Shripad Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

Bijay/Sarbani