



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.6992 of 2026

Prakash Ranjan Soren

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. B.S. Tripathy,

Sr. Advocate

Atul Tripathy

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) Director, Directorate Of Technical
Education And Training, Odisha

Represented by Adv. –

3) Pradeep Kumar Sahu

Smt. S. Nayak, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

06.03.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Heard Mr. B.S. Tripathy, learned senior counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State. Perused the writ application as well as the prayer made therein.
3. By filing the present writ application the Petitioner calls into question the decision of the Government vide order dated 20.02.2026 and 25.02.2026 as well as 26.02.2026, passed by the Opposite party No.1, thereby rejecting the representation of the Petitioner pursuant to liberty granted by this Court dated 18.02.2026 passed in W.P.(C) No.5424 of 2026.



4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that the present Petitioner who is working as Principal of Government I.T.I., Phulbani was transferred as Principal-in-Charge of Government I.T.I., Sonepur. He further submitted that the Opposite Party No.3 who was previously serving as ATO at Government I.T.I., Phulbani for almost 24 years is being brought back to Phulbani by transferring the Petitioner from Phulbani to Sonepur. In the aforesaid context, learned counsel for the Petitioner specifically referred to the allegation made in Para-12 of the writ application.

5. In such view of the matter, learned senior counsel appearing for the Petitioner alleged mala fide on the part of the Opposite Parties and assailed the impugned transfer order to be illegal and tainted with mala fide. Additionally, the learned senior counsel appearing for the Petitioner also alleged that the transfer is happening in the midst of the academic sessions, which is bound to cause inconvenience to the Petitioner.

6. Taking into consideration, the allegation made in Para-12 of the writ application, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further examination. Hence, issue notice to the Opposite Parties.

7. Learned counsel for the State accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos. 1 and 2.

8. Issue notice to the Opposite Party No.3 by Speed Post with A.D. by fixing a short returnable date. Requisites be filed by



Monday (09.03.2026).

9. Learned counsel for the State shall file a specific affidavit within two weeks explaining allegation made in Para-12 of the writ application.

10. List this matter in the week commencing 23.03.2026.

I.A. No.4315 of 2026

11. As an interim, it is directed that order dated 26.02.2026 at Annexure-8 shall be kept in abeyance till the next date, so far as the present Petitioner is concerned.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application in course of the day.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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