



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.8575 of 2026

Pravati Behera

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Hara Prasad Rath

-versus-

State of Odisha and others.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA
ORDER
23.03.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Petitioner, who retired as the Headmistress of a Government School, is grieving against non-consideration of her representation dated 27.05.2024, a copy whereof avails at Annexure-5, wherein she has sought for extension of a particular Pay Scale with effect from 16.08.1990 till her date of superannuation in the light of a Coordinate Bench decision in WPC (OAC) No.3264 of 2017 between ***Rama Chandra Sahoo v. State of Odisha and others***, disposed of on 17.08.2022.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner notifies to the Court that the said judgment was carried forward to the Apex Court of the Country in SLP(C) No.19665 of 2023 disposed of on 31.07.2025. He submits that if a direction is issued for consideration of the subject representation in accordance with law and in the light of the aforesaid decision, his client



would be satisfied.

4. Mr. D.K. Sahoo, learned Additional Government Advocate, on request, accepting notice for the Opposite Parties very fairly submits that he would instruct Opposite Party No.1 to look into the grievance of the petitioner, as has been aired in the subject representation in the light of recommendation made by the officials of the department favouring the employees like the petitioner, in a time bound way and in accordance with law, keeping in view the decision cited. With this proposal, petitioner's counsel is agreeable.

5. In the above circumstances, writ petition is disposed off fixing a period of eight (8) weeks for taking the decision in the matter and to inform the decision taken to the petitioner in writing. All contentions are kept open.

6. It is open to the answering Opposite Party to solicit any information or document from side of the petitioner, as are required for due consideration of the subject representation: however, subject to the rider that in that guise the delay shall not be brooked.

At this stage, no costs.

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Debasis