



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.8788 of 2026

Pratap Chandra Padhy

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Mahendra Kumar Sahoo

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. C.M. Singh, ASC

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. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. By filing the present writ application the Petitioner has made the following prayers:-

“Under the above facts and circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to allow this writ application and be pleased to direct to grant the following reliefs:-

(A) A writ of mandamus be issued directing the State Opp. Parties to extend the benefits of lecturer (Group-A) scale on completion of 8 years w.e.f. the year 2011 and Reader (State Scale) on completion of 10 years thereafter i.e. from the year 2021 to the petitioner, in terms of the provisions of the Odisha Non-Govt. Aided College Lecturers Placement Rule 2014 following the principles of law as laid down in the judgment dtd. 13.08.2025 passed in W.P.(C)



No.2062/2024 (Lokanath Behera -Vrs- State of Odisha and others) under Annexure-9 within a stipulated time.

(B) And/or pass any other order/orders, direction/directions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the given circumstances of the case so as to give complete relief to the petitioner.”

4. The subject matter of this petition is substantially similar to the one in ***Hemanta Kumar Chhotray v. State of Orissa and others***, 2024 (1) OLR 709 and therefore, counsel for the Petitioner submits that the benefit given to litigants in the subject case should be extended his client as well.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State- Opposite Parties submits that the said matter is subjudice in Writ Appeal No.197 of 2024. However, on being asked, he tells that there is no interim order staying the judgment of the learned Single Judge. This Court in a number of similar matters has already ordered extension of the said benefits subject to outcome of the Writ Appeal and therefore, the same course needs to be adopted here also, if there are no other legal impediments.

6. Ordered accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of subject to outcome of the writ appeal mentioned above. Compliance within eight(8) weeks.

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Debasis