



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.8666 of 2026

Akshya Kumar Mohanty & others **Petitioners**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Shibani Shankar Pradhan, Advocate
-Versus-

State of Odisha & others **Opposite Parties**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

23.03.2026

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

- 01.**
1. Heard Mr. Shibani Shankar Pradhan, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, learned Addl. Government Advocate appearing for Opposite Parties 1,2,4 and 5.
 2. The Petitioners are the retired Government employees and pursuant to the Odisha Fast Track Special Courts (Method of Recruitment and Condition of Services of Retired Judicial Officers of the Cadre of District Judges and Staff including in-service Judicial Officers in the regular cadre of District Judge, Ministerial Staff and Group 'D' employees) Scheme, 2020, they have been engaged and presently they are working in the Court of Ad hoc Addl. District & Sessions Judge (FTSC-1) in the judgeship of Jajpur.
 3. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the Petitioners have not been paid their salary in terms of the



advertisement dated 01.03.2021, vide Annexure-2. In the meanwhile pursuant to the communication of the Finance Department No.17192 dated 14.05.2024, vide Annexure-13 and Office Order No.36 dated 26.06.2024, vide Annexure-14, the Registrar, Civil Courts, Jajpur, Opposite Party No.5, vide Order No.149 dated 26.12.2025, vide Annexure-15 directed for recovery of the excess amount already made to them. It is further stated that the Finance Department came to the conclusion without considering the provisions of the said 2020 Scheme.

4. Issue notice, returnable by eight weeks.

5. As Mr. D. Mohanty, learned AGA appears for the Opposite Party Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5, no formal notice need be issued to them. The Petitioner shall serve requisites extra copies of the Writ Petition along with the Annexures upon Mr. Mohanty, learned AGA, within next three working days obtaining necessary acknowledgement from him in that regard. The Petitioners shall take step for service of notice on Opposite Party No.3 by personal/dasti service through the Registry of the Court. Such personal/dasti service upon opposite party No.3 shall be made by serving a copy of this writ petition along with the annexures on the office of the said authority obtaining necessary acknowledgement with date, seal and receipt number. Thereafter, the petitioner shall file an affidavit towards completion of such personal/dasti service upon the opposite party No.3.

6. List accordingly.

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7. Heard.

8. Issue notice as above.



9. As an interim measure, it is directed that until further orders the Opposite Parties/authorities concerned in terms of office Order No.36 dated 26.06.2024 and Office Order No.149 dated 26.12.2025, vide Annexures 14 and 15, respectively, shall not recover the alleged excess amount already paid to the Petitioners.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge

Pradeep