



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.9133 of 2026

Salila Kumar Pattanaik

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Banshidhar Satapathy

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. S.K.Parhi, A.S.C.

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

Order No.

25.03.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
 2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the prayer made therein.
 3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

“In the facts and circumstances of the case, the humble petitioner fervently pray before this Hon'ble Court be graciously be pleased to issue notice to the opp. parties call for relevant records and after hearing the counsel of the parties issue a writ in nature of Mandamus directing the opp.parties particularly Opp.party No.1, the Commissioner-Cum-Secretary, School & Mass Education Dept., Odisha to allow Headmaster Scale of pay to the petitioner w.e.f., 01.05.2023 in terms of Judgment rendered by this



Hon'ble Court in the case of Puma Chandra Chand Vs. State of Odisha and others (W.P (C) No. 456 of 2013) disposed of on 24.04.2013 and RVWPET No. 255 of 2013 disposed of on 31.05.2021 confirmed by the Apex Court SEP (C) No. 1080 of 2022 and Order No. 4091 dtd. 11.04.2023 passed by the DEO, Balasore with all other consequential financial & service benefits within a stipulated time;

And pass such other order/direction as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.”

4. In course of hearing of the writ application, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner ventilating his grievance has submitted representation before the State of Orissa, represented through the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., School & Mass Education Department, Bhubaneswar, Opposite Party No.1 under Annexure-1. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the said representation is pending as of now. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that a direction be issued to the Opposite Party No.1 to consider the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-1 within a stipulated period of time.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel submits that he has no objection if the representation of the Petitioner is considered by the Opposite Party No.1, which is stated to be pending, in accordance with law within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the limited nature of grievance of the Petitioner, the writ application is disposed of at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.1 to



consider the representation of the Petitioner dated 17.08.2025 under Annexure-1 within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order. The Opposite Party No.1 shall do well to dispose of the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-1 by passing a speaking and reasoned order. The decision so taken by the Opposite Party No.1 be also communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter.

7. With the aforesaid observation, the writ application stands disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

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