



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.9784 of 2026

Pranaya Kumar Mohapatra

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Subhransu Bhusan
Mohanty

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
D.K. Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

31.03.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

“It is therefore prayed that your Honour may graciously be pleased:

- i. To admit this Writ Application*
- ii. To direct the Opp. Party No.1 Secretary, Department of Higher Education to re-verify the service particulars of the petitioner as a Lecturer in English (1st post) held by him Ramchandi*



Mahavidyaaya, Gadamanatri, Begunia required for regularizing it retrospectively in view of similar judgment of the Hon'ble Court rendered in O.J.C. No.2255/1989, O.J.C No.7392/1995, O.J.C. No.7401/1992, O.J.C No.6475/1995, O.J.C No. 6101/1995, O.J.C. No.1160/1987 and O.J.C. No. 6399/1995 and other connected writ petition where under the blow percentage of marks to (54%) along with similar approval order of the Govt. 26.02.19, required to be lecturer (co-petitioner) have been approved by the Govt. but the petitioner is discriminated and after 30 years of continues service, he is retired without and Aid, in the year 2012. Hence, appropriate direction be issued to treat the petitioner at par with other lecturers whose writ petitions are allowed by this Hon'ble Court.

And consequential administrative orders are passed in the regard.

And may pass any other order(s)/direction(s) as deemed 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 Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Opposite Party No.1 dated 14.01.2026 under Annexure-13. 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-13 within a stipulated period of time.

5. Learned Additional Government Advocate 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 14.01.2026 under Annexure-13 taking into consideration the letter dated 27.11.1986 at Annexure-3 and letter dated 26.02.2019 at Annexure-12 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-13 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. Further, liberty is granted to the Petitioner to file any other documents in support of his contention along with a copy of today's order. It is also open to the Opposite Party No.1 to provide an opportunity of hearing, in the event the Opposite Party No.1 considers the same to be necessary, before taking any final decision with regard to the present Petitioner.

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

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge