



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.15704 of 2026

**Debashish Pattnaik and
Others**

....

Petitioners

Mr. J.K. Mahapatra,
Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. S. Das, ASC

COROM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

22.07.2026

Order No

03. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for Petitioner and learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties.

3. The present Writ Petition has been filed *inter alia* with the following prayer:-

“Therefore, the petitioners pray that your Lordships may graciously be pleased to consider the facts stated in the petition, allow the same and issue Rule NISI to the Opp. Parties to show cause as to,

Why directions shall not be issued for up-gradation of the cadre post of APP from Group-B to Group- A with corresponding increase in pay from Rs. 44,900/- to Rs. 56,100/- from the date of appointment of the petitioners with all arrears within the time fixed by this Hon'ble Court;

Why directions shall not be issued for granting all consequential service benefits and such allowances that are already granted to Group- A entry level officers in other services



with all arrears within the time fixed by this Hon'ble Court;

Why directions shall not be issued to grant Non-Practice Allowance, Travelling allowances. Robe allowances. Digital Connectivity allowance and other allowances as mentioned in paragraph-13 of the Writ petition to APPs similar to other states and U.Ts with all arrears within the time fixed by this Hon'ble Court. Further the applicability of Judicial Calendar to APPs and treating it as a Vacation Department within the time fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

And, if the Opp. Parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause then make the rule absolute.”

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners contended that the request available at Annexure-3 to the Writ Petition though is pending, but till date nothing has been done in the matter.

5. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No.1 to take a decision on the above noted request available at Annexure-3 in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of 4 (four) months from the date of receipt of this order with due communication to the petitioners.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge