



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.10036 of 2026

Jyoti Prakash Pradhan **Petitioner(s)**

Mr. Gopal Krishna Nayak, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & others **Opposite Party(s)**

Mr. J.K. Bal, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

04.05.2026

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1. Heard.

2. The petitioner has invoked the writ jurisdiction of this Court seeking the following relief:

“to admit this writ petition and issue notices to the opposite parties and after hearing the parties allow the writ petition quashing the selection of Opp. Party No.5 as Anganwadi Helper of Budugurungu Ka Anganwadi Centre of Budugurungu Grama Panchayat in the best interest of justice”

3. Mr. J.K. Bal, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State has referred to the revised guidelines for selection of Anganwadi Workers/ Mini Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers. By



pointing out Clause-10(d) of the said guidelines, he submits that the grievance of the petitioner could be agitated before the appropriate authority, namely, the District Magistrate/ADM by filing the Appeal. For convenience of ready reference, the relevant provision in the guideline is reproduced hereunder:-

“10. Disengagement of Anganwadi Workers:-

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10(d) The District Magistrate/ADM will be the first appellate authority in the hearing of disengagement of Anganwadi Worker. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the District Magistrate/ADM may appeal to the Revenue Divisional Commissioner of the concerned division as the second Appellate Authority. Every appeal should be made within 60 days from the date of issue of order of disengagement, else the disengagement shall be deemed appropriate.”

4. In view of the aforementioned, since alternative remedy is available, the writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to resort to the remedy as available to her by filing the Appeal.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge