



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.2287 of 2024

Gangadhar Routray

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Petitioner

Mr. L.K. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

***Hemanta Sharma, Secy.,
to. Govt. Industry Dept &
Ors.***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. A. Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

11.03.2026

Order No.

- 05.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.
3. Pursuant to the order dtd.10.02.2026, learned Addl. Government Advocate produced the instruction so provided by the Government in the Department of Industry-Opposite Party No.1 in Court. The same be kept in record.
4. Basing on the instruction, it is contended that the proceeding initiated against the Petitioner pursuant to the order passed by this Court on 06.09.2022 after being confirmed by the Apex Court with dismissal of the SLP vide order dtd.18.11.2024, has been dropped vide order dtd.10.03.2026. Since the proceeding has



been dropped vide order dtd.10.03.2026, appropriate step will be taken to extend the benefit of pension and other pensionary benefits in favour of the Petitioner.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner on the other hand contended that the proceeding in question was quashed by this Court in its order dtd.06.09.2022 and the said order has been confirmed by the Apex Court, which is not disputed. Since the proceeding was quashed by this Court vide order dtd.06.09.2022 and it is affirmed with dismissal of the SLP vide order dtd.18.11.2024, no order to drop the proceeding should have been passed on 10.03.2026, instead of extending the retiral benefits as due and admissible.

6. This Court taking into account nature of order passed on 06.09.2022, is also of the view that since the proceeding was quashed and direction was issued to release the retiral benefits, after dismissal of the SLP vide order dtd.18.11.2024, there was no necessity to pass an order in dropping the proceeding, which has already been quashed since 06.09.2022.

6.1. While deprecating such action of the Opposite Party Nos.1 and 2 in passing order dtd.10.03.2026, this Court directs learned AGA to release the pensionary benefits of the Petitioner by 31st March, 2026.



7. On the request made by the learned AGA, list this matter on 8th April, 2026. If on 08.04.2026, it will be found that Petitioner has not yet been extended with his retiral benefits, Opposite Party No.1 shall appear in person.

Free copy of this order be handed over to Mr. A. Tripathy, AGA for compliance.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Subrat

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