



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.12167 of 2026

Saraswati Mohanta

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Debendra Nath Misra

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others

.....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

05.05.2026

Order No.

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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 petition as well as documents annexed thereto.
3. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner with the following prayers:

“The petitioner, therefore, pray that this Hon'ble Court would graciously be pleased to issue Rule Nisi calling upon the opp. parties to show cause as to why the husband of the petitioner shall not be provided service benefits with the scale of pay as is admissible under the University Grant Commission guidelines from the date of his entitlement.

If the opposite parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause the said Rule be made absolute with directions to the Opposite parties to allow U.G.C Scale of Pay in favor of her deceased husband from the date of his entitlement till his superannuation on 30.09.2010 and differential pension till 24.1 1.2020 and the



differential family pension from 25.11.2020 to the petitioner till actual payment within a stipulated period.

And /or pass such other order/ orders, issue such other writ/writs this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case in order to provide complete relief to the Petitioner.

And for which act of your kindness the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."

4. In course of hearing, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner may be granted liberty to file a fresh representation ventilating his grievance before the Director, Higher Education, Odisha, Opposite Party No.2 which may be considered within a stipulated period of time in accordance with law.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel on the other hand submits that he has no objection if liberty is granted to the Petitioner to file a fresh representation before the Opposite Party No.2 and the same is considered and disposed of in accordance with law.

6. In view of the aforesaid limited nature of grievance of the petitioner, this Court disposes of the writ petition granting liberty to the Petitioner to file a fresh representation before the Opposite Party No.2 ventilating his grievance within a period of two weeks. If such representation is filed within the time stipulated, the same shall be considered and disposed of by the Opposite Party No.2 within a period of two months from the date of filing representation by passing a speaking and reasoned order. The decision so taken on the same shall be communicated to the Petitioner within a period of ten days from the date of taking such a decision.



7. With the aforesaid observations/ directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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