



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.11179 of 2026

Sangram Keshari Routray

Petitioner

Mr. L.P. Dwivedy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

Opposite Parties

Mr. P.K. Panda, ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

16.04.2024

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.

3. The present Writ Petition has been filed *inter alia* challenging the order of transfer passed vide office order dtd.13.04.2026 under Annexure-2. Vide the said order so issued by Opposite Party No.3, Petitioner has been put under transfer from Jatni to Nayagarh and Petitioner's name finds place at S.L. No.2 in the said order.

4. While assailing the impugned order, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that since Petitioner's wife is continuing in the self-same office in view of the circular issued by the G.A Department on 06.08.1986 under Annexure-4, Petitioner is required to be allowed to continue in the place where his wife is continuing. But without following the circular so issued



under Annexure-4, Petitioner has been put under transfer to a place which is more than 70 K.Ms. from Jatni.

4.1. It is also contended that Petitioner has got a minor child of one year and because of such transfer there will be difficulty in upbringing the minor child.

4.2. It is accordingly contended that the impugned order needs interference of this Court.

5. Mr. P.K. Panda, learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State on the other hand contended that since Petitioner is continuing in a transferable service and he has only been transferred from Jatni to Nayagarh, no interference is called for.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties and considering the submissions made, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition permits the Petitioner to make an appropriate application before Opposite Party No.2 for consideration of his grievance as made in the present Writ Petition.

6.1. It is observed that if any such application will be filed within a period of one (1) week hence, Opp. Party No.2 shall do well to take a lawful decision on the same within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of such application. The order so passed by Opp. Party No.2 be communicated to the Petitioner.



Till a decision is taken as directed, status quo with regard to continuance of the Petitioner as on today be maintained.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Subrat