



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.13017 of 2026

Krishna Chandra Sethi

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Petitioner

Ms. S. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. P.K. Sahoo, ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

02.05.2026

Order No.

- 01.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
- 2.** Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.
- 3.** Petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition *inter alia* with the following prayer:-

“In the above facts and circumstances, the petitioner most respectfully prays that, this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the writ application, issue notices to the Opp. Parties, to show cause as to why the petitioner who has been reinstated in service since 23.04.2021 and discharging his duty with due sincerity, shall not be paid his annual increment from the year 2020 when the Disciplinary Authority was pleased to treat the period of Suspension of the petitioner from 28.11.2019 to 23.04.2021 as on duty subject to final outcome of the pending Vigilance Case, if the Opposite Parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause, this Hon'ble Court may further be pleased to allow this writ application by directing the



Opp. Parties, particularly to the Opp. Party No.2 & 3 to release the annual increment of the petitioner since the year 2020 and disburse the arrears thereon within a stipulated period of time;

And may pass such other order/orders in the interest of justice giving complete relief to the petitioner;

And for this act of kindness, the petitioner shall as in duty bound remain ever pray.”

4. It is contended that claim of the Petitioner to get the benefit of increment as due and admissible is covered by an order passed by this Court on 19.03.2025 in W.P.(C) No.7559 of 2025.

4.1. It is accordingly contended that Opposite Party No.3 be directed to sanction and disburse the increment as due and admissible within a stipulated time period.

5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State does not dispute the order passed by this Court on 19.03.2025 in W.P.(C) No.7559 of 2025.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties and considering the submissions made, the present Writ Petition stands disposed of in the light of the order passed by this Court on 19.03.2025 in W.P.(C) No.7559 of 2025. Petitioner is directed to provide a copy of this order and the order passed in W.P.(C) No.7559 of 2025 before Opposite Party No.3 for compliance.



7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Subrat