



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.13291 of 2026

Satyajit Dash Mohapatra

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Shashi Bhusan Jena

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. S.K. Parhi, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
05.05.2026

Order No.

01. 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 for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

“Under the circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to issue a writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ/writs by directing the Opp.Parties to disburse the final pension, gratuity, unutilized leave salary and other pensionary benefits in favour of the petitioner forthwith with 18% interest for delayed payment in light of decisions delivered by this Hon'ble Court as well as Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of Dhruba Charan Panda vrs State of



Odisha reported in 1999(11) OLR 433 and D.D.Tewari vrs Uttar Haryana Bijli Vltan Nigam reported in AIR 2014 SC 2861 from 01.06.2023 till date.

And further be pleased to direct the Opp.Parties to grant all consequential service and financial benefits.

And pass such other order/orders as would be deemed fit and proper.

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

4. It is stated by learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner who happens to be a retired Associate Professor has approached the Opposite Parties for sanction and disbursement of the final pension, unutilized leave salary, gratuity and other pensionary benefits. He further submitted that although the Petitioner has retired from service with effect from 30.04.2022 however, he has not been paid his retirement dues as well as pensionary benefits. Being aggrieved by such conduct of the Opposite Parties, the Petitioner had approached the Opposite Parties on several occasions. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further drawing attention of this court to the representation dated 28.01.2026 at Annexure-5 submitted before this Court that since the last representation before the Opposite Party No.1 by the Petitioner, several months have expired yet no final decision has been taken on such representation of the Petitioner by the Opposite Party No.1. Being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Party, the Petitioner was compelled to approach this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand contended that although he has no specific instruction in the matter.



However, taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner has already approached the Opposite Party No.1 who is a competent authority and in the event, no final decision has been taken on the representation of the Petitioner, he will have no objection, if this Court directs the Opposite Party No.1 to consider and dispose of the representation of the Petitioner dated 28.01.2026 at Annexure-5 strictly in accordance with law within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the limited nature of grievance of the Petitioner, the writ application is disposed of at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.1 to consider the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-5 within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order. The Opposite Party No.1 shall do well to dispose of the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-5 by passing a speaking and reasoned order. The decision so taken by the Opposite Party No.1 be also communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter. It is further directed that in the event the Opposite Party No.1 comes to conclusion that there are no other legal impediment and that the Petitioner is entitled to such relief claimed in his representation, then the Opposite Party No.1 shall pass necessary consequential order for sanction and disbursal of such financial benefits in favour of the Petitioner as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of taking a final decision in the matter. Any decision taken by Opposite Party No.1 be communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter.



7. With the aforesaid observation/ direction, the writ application stands disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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