



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.12840 of 2026

Sri Santanu Kumar Panda

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Durgesh Narayan Rath

Mr. J.K. Rath, Sr. Adv.

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Mr. P.P. Behera, ASC

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

30.04.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
 2. Heard Mr. J.K. Rath, learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as the prayer made therein.
 3. By filing the present writ application, the Petitioner calls in question the legality and validity of order at Annexure-8 passed by the Opposite Party Nos.4 and 5. Further, a prayer has also been made for a direction to the Opposite Party No.4 and 5 to treat of the period of disengagement passed earlier by the Opposite Party Nos. 3 and 4 as continuity of service for all purposes and to release the salary of the Petitioner for the said period of disengagement, as the order of disengagement was quashed by a coordinate Bench of this Court vide its judgment at Annexure-5.
 4. Upon Hearing of the learned Senior Counsel for the



Petitioner, this court is of the view that the matter requires further examination in presence of Opposite Parties. Hence, issue notice to the Opposite Parties.

5. Learned counsel for the State accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3.

6. As the copy of the writ petition has already been uploaded in the LMS Portal, no hard copy is required to be served on learned counsel for the State, who accepts notice on behalf of the Opposite Party Nos.1 to 3.

7. Issue notice to the Opposite Party Nos. 4 and 5 by Speed Post with A.D. fixing a short returnable date. Requisites shall be filed within three working days. Reply affidavit, if any, be filed within four weeks.

8. List this matter along with W.P.(C) No.12504 of 2026.

I.A. No.7708 of 2026

9. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.

10. Notice as above.

11. Accept one set of process fee.

12. As an interim, It is directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner till the next date.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge