



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.12318 of 2026

Krishna Chandra Pradhan

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Sushanta Kumar
Mishra

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

.....

Opposite Parties

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. S.K. Parhi, ASC

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
23.04.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. On the prayer of the learned counsel for the Petitioner, he is permitted to correct the name of the Petitioner in the cause title of the writ petition.
3. Corrected copy of the cause title of the writ petition filed in Court today is accepted and taken on record.
4. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as the learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as the documents annexed thereto.
5. The present writ petition has been filed by the Petitioner with the following prayers:-

“It is therefore, most humbly prayed that this
Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to:

- i) Admit the writ application;



- ii) Call for the records;
- iii) direct the Opp. Parties to release the final pension, gratuity other retrial benefits in favour of the petitioner and the petitioner retired from the Service on dtd.31.05.2020 on attaining the age of superannuation and the same pending before the Controller of Accounts, Odisha, Bhubaneswar pursuant to the letter issued by the District Education Officer, Sambalpur vide letter dtd.30.10.2025 under Annexure-4.

And further be pleased to pass any other order(s)/direction(s) as would be deemed just and proper in the interest of justice.”

6. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the Petitioner was initially appointed on 27.06.1982 as an Assistant Teacher. Thereafter, while he is continuing in service, the Petitioner was promoted to the post of Headmaster. Finally, on attaining the age of superannuation the Petitioner has retired from service w.e.f. 31.05.2020. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at this juncture, contended that after his retirement from service, the Petitioner has been sanctioned and disbursed the provisional pension by the Opposite Parties. The grievance of the Petitioner in the present writ petition is confined to the prayer that the Petitioner has not been paid his final pensionary benefits as well as gratuity. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the conduct of the Opposite Parties in the case of the Petitioner is grossly illegal and arbitrary. Hence, the present writ petition be allowed and the Opposite Parties be directed to extend the benefits as is due and admissible to the Petitioner within a stipulated period of time.

7. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that ventilating his grievance, the Petitioner has already approached the



Opposite Parties No.2 and 4, who are the competent authorities, for redressal of his grievance by filing a representation dated 18.03.2026 at Annexure-5, which is stated to be pending before the said Opposite Parties for taking final decision on it. He further submitted that the case of the Petitioner has already been recommended by the District Education Officer, Sambalpur, Opposite Party No.3 by virtue of letter dated 03.10.2025 at Annexure-4. Despite such recommendation, no final decision has been taken and the Petitioner has not been disbursed his financial benefits.

8. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contended that he has no specific instruction in the matter. He further submitted that on a careful analysis of the submission made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, further on close scrutiny of the pleadings as well as the documents annexed to the writ petition, it is found that the Petitioner has approached the Opposite Parties No.2 and 4 for redressal of his grievance. He further submitted that in the event no final decision is taken with regard to the Petitioner's claim by the Opposite Parties No.2 and 4, he will have no objection in the event this Court directs the Opposite Parties No.2 & 4 to take a lawful decision with regard to the claim of the Petitioner within a stipulated period of time.

9. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, on a careful examination of the background facts of the present case, as well as the documents annexed to the writ petition, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ petition at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite



Parties No.2 and 4 to consider the grievance of the Petitioner as involved in the present writ petition dated 18.03.2026 at Annexure-5 strictly in accordance with law and keeping in view the recommendation of the District Education Officer, Sambalpur vide his letter dated 30.10.2025 under Annexure-4 and pass necessary consequential orders within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order. The representation of the Petitioner shall be disposed of by passing a speaking and reasoned order. It is further directed that in the event it is found that the Petitioner is entitled to the financial benefits as has been claimed by the Petitioner and that the Petitioner has no laches, the Opposite Parties shall extend the same as permissible in law along with original claim of the Petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of taking such decision.

10. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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