



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.14323 of 2026

Babu Sethi

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Dalai, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. S.P. Das, ASC

**COROM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER
08.05.2026**

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for Petitioner and learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties.

3. The present Writ Petition has been filed *inter alia* with the following prayer:-

“ In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, it is therefore most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

(1) Admit this writ application and issue Rule Nisi calling upon the Opposite Parties to show cause as to why the impugned order of transfer dated 20.01.2026 under Annexure-4 shall not be quashed;

(ii) Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly in the nature of Writ of Certiorari, quashing the impugned order of transfer dated 20.01.2026, being illegal, arbitrary, mala fide and contrary to the settled principles of service jurisprudence;

(iii) Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, directing the Opposite Parties to allow the petitioner to continue at his present place of posting at Digapahandi Tahasil under Settlement Office, Berhampur, in the interest of justice;

(iv) Pending disposal of the writ petition, stay operation of the impugned transfer order dated 20.01.2026 under Annexure-4;



(v) Pass any other order(s) or direction(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case to secure the ends of justice.

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

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the request made to Opposite Party No.2 under Annexures-6 & 7 to the writ petition is pending, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, he prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No.2 to take a decision on the above noted request within a specific time period.

5. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No.2 to take a decision on the above noted request so made under Annexures-6 & 7 in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of this order with due communication. Till such a decision is taken on the request, status quo as on today with regard to continuance of the Petitioner be maintained.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Subrat