

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.15515 of 2023

Krushna Chandra Sethi & others ***Petitioners***
Mr. D.P. Nanda, Sr. Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & others ***Opposite Parties***
Mr. S. Das, A.G.A.
Mr. S. Palit, Sr. Advocate
for the Intervener
Ms. P. Rath, Advocate
for the Intervener

CORAM:
JUSTICE A.K.MOHAPATRA

ORDER
15.05.2023

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Heard Mr. D.P. Nanda, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as Mr. S. Das, learned Addl. Government Advocate and Mr. S. Palit, learned Senior counsel and Ms. P. Rath, learned counsel for the Interveners.
3. However, only one intervention application has been filed by Ms. P. Rath. The same is taken on record and copy thereof be served on learned counsel for the Petitioner.
4. Both Mr. S. Das, learned Addl. Government Advocate and Mr. S. Palit, learned Senior Counsel want to take file the intervention application in the matter. Let the Intervention

application be filed and copies thereof be served on learned counsel for the Petitioner. All the intervention applications will be taken up on the next date.

5. Considering the issue involved in the present writ application which is similar to the issue involved in the writ application bearing W.P.(C) No.7162 of 2023 and batch of other matters. This Court is inclined to notice the Opposite Parties.

6. Issue notice on the question of admission to the Opposite Parties fixing a short returnable date.

7. Since Mr. Das, learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the Opposite Party Nos.1 & 2, let extra copies of the writ petition be served on him within three working days.

8. So far, Opposite Party No.3 is concerned, Mr. A. Behera, learned counsel who usually appears for the Chairman of Odisha Public Service Commission, accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Party No.3, let an extra copy of the writ petition be served on him within a week who shall obtain instruction in the matter.

9. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within four weeks. After serving a copy of the counter affidavit in advance on learned counsel for the Petitioner.

10. List this matter on 27.06.2023 along with W.P.(C) No.7162 of 2023 and batch of other matters.

I.A. No.7133 of 2023

11. Heard.

12. Issue notice as above.

13. As an interim measure, it is directed that any decision to be taken by the DPC with regard to OPS Group-A (JB) Officers in the rank of Deputy Superintend of Police to the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police shall be subject to final outcome of the present Writ Petition.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

Anil

