



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.17985 of 2026

Soumya Suravita Singh

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Petitioner

Mr. A.K. Chhatoi, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA

COROM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

19.06.2026

Order No

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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 view of the facts stated above the Petitioner prays that this Hon’ble Court may graciously be pleased to issue a writ in the nature of writ of Mandamus directing the Opp. Party No.1 to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Joint Director, Handicrafts against existing vacancies in pursuance of restructuring notification dated 11.03.2024 taking into account her service experience of more than one year as has been extended in case of promotion to the post of Joint Director, Industries from the post of Deputy Director, Industries as per the provisions laid down in Rule 8(c) of the OIS Recruitment Rules, 2024 with all consequential service and financial benefits within time stipulated by the Hon’ble Court. And further be pleased to direct the



opp. party No.1 to frame the new Odisha Handicraft Service cadre rule strictly adhering to the eligibility criteria prescribed in OIS Rules, 2024 for consideration of promotion of Deputy Director Handicrafts to the post of Joint Director Handicrafts within a time to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court.

And further be pleased to issue pass any other order/orders as the Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper. And for this act of kindness the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that through highlighting his grievances, the petitioner has filed a representation vide Annexure-13 to the Writ Petition, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, Petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the Opp. Party No. 1 to take a decision on the above noted petition 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. 1 to take a decision on the above noted representation in accordance with law, within a period of two (2) months from the date of production of certified copy of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioner.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Vacation Judge

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