



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.19001 of 2026

Jamuna Rath

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Gyana Ranjan Sethi

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
C.M. Singh, A.S.C.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

01.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as documents annexed thereto.
3. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner with the following prayers:

“It is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the case, call for the records and after hearing both the parties pass the following reliefs;

- i) *To direct the Opposite Parties to grant the gratuity, family pension and post retiral dues of the deceased*



husband of the petitioner within a stipulated period.

- ii) *To direct the Opposite Parties to pay @ 18% interest on the delayed payment of gratuity and other post retiral dues of deceased husband of the petitioner.
And pass such other order/orders as may be deemed fit and proper for the interest of justice.”*

4. In course of hearing, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner may be granted liberty to file a fresh representation ventilating her grievance before the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, School and Mass Education Department, Bhubaneswar, Opposite Party No.1 which may be considered within a stipulated period of time in accordance with law.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel on the other hand submits that he has no objection if liberty is granted to the Petitioner to file a fresh representation before the Opposite Party No.1 and the same is considered and disposed of in accordance with law.

6. In view of the aforesaid limited nature of grievance of the petitioner, this Court disposes of the writ petition granting liberty to the Petitioner to file a fresh representation before the Opposite Party No.1 ventilating her grievance within a period of three weeks. If such representation is filed within the time stipulated, the same shall be considered and disposed of by the Opposite Party No.1 within a period of two months from the date of filing representation by passing a speaking and reasoned order. The decision so taken on the same shall be communicated to the Petitioner within a period of ten days from the date of taking such a decision.



7. With the aforesaid observations/ directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Anil