



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.18404 of 2026

Manoj Das

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Petitioner

Mr. M.K. Khuntia, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

.....

Opposite Parties

Mr. A. Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

19.06.2026

Order No. 01

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.
3. Petitioner has filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

“It is therefore prayed that the Hon'ble court may graciously be pleased to admit the case and call for the records and after hearing both the parties pas the following reliefs:

i) To quash the order dtd.8.6.2026 under Annexure- 6 in so far as it relates to petitioner.

ii) To direct the opposite parties to allow the petitioner to continue at his present place of posting.

iii) To pass such other order/orders as would be deemed fit and proper.

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

4. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that since Petitioner has not yet completed more than 1 year 6 days in his



present place of posting, the impugned order of transfer so issued is contrary to the guideline issued by the G.A. Department and so also the instruction issued by the State Forest Headquarters, Odisha on 04.06.2026 under Annexure-8. It is accordingly contended that the order of transfer be interfered with.

5. Learned State Counsel on the other hand contended that since seeking cancellation/modification of the impugned order of transfer, Petitioner has not approached the appropriate authority, the writ petition is not maintainable.

6. However, taking into account the claim raised in the present Writ Petition, liberty is granted to the Petitioner to make a fresh representation before Opp. Party No. 3 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of his claim, if any, within a period of two (2) weeks hence.

6.1. It is observed that if such representation is filed within the aforesaid time period, Opp. Party No. 3 shall do well to take a lawful decision on the same within a further period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of such representation. The order so passed by Opp. Party No. 3 be communicated to the Petitioner.

6.2. Status-quo as on today with regard to continuance of the Petitioner be maintained till a decision is taken as directed.

7. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Vacation Judge

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