



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WP(C) No.18395 of 2026**

***Smaranika Nayak***

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***Petitioner***

Mr. P. Sabat, Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha & Ors.***

.....

***Opposite Parties***

Mr. P.K. Ray, 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:-

*“That the petitioner therefore prays that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit this petition, issue notice to the Opposite Parties by considering the facts and grounds stated above the order passed on 12.06.2026 in order no. 4151 passed by the District Education Officer (DEO), Rayagada, Dist-Rayagda may kindly be quashed and for better interest of Justice.*

*And pass any other or further order/orders which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in favour of the petitioner.*

*And for act of kindness this court may deem fit and proper may pass in favour of the petitioner.”*

4. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that since Petitioner had only 9 months of service left and she is at the fag end



of her career, Petitioner should not have been put under transfer. It is also contended that such an order of transfer is contrary to the guideline issued by the G.A. Department. 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. 1 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of her 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. 1 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. 1 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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