



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

**WP(C )NO.18465 of 2026**

***Harishankar Dhal***

....

***Petitioner***

*Mr. M.K. Pati,  
Adv.*

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha & Others***

....

***Opposite Parties***

*Mr. S.P. Das, ASC*

**COROM:**

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER**

**19.06.2026**

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**Order No**

1. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
2. 2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.
3. 3. The present Writ Petition has been filed inter alia with the following prayer:

It is, therefore, prayed that in view of the facts and circumstances as stated above, this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to admit the Writ petition, issue rule nisi to the opposite parties to show cause as to why this writ petition shall not be allowed and if the opposite parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause, this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to make the rule absolute and may be directed more particularly to the Collector & District Magistrate, Balasore, Opp.party No.3 entertaining the grievances at Annexure-9 and taking consideration of the submission in the present writ petition may be modified to the extent of the transfer order at Annexure-5 of the present petitioner at Sl.No.30 by



transferring the present petitioner from Basta Block to Jaleswar Block or Baliapal Block which is far away of 20 to twenty five kilometre away from home town/village for the interest of justice and/or continuing at the present place or else the petitioner will be highly prejudiced.

And may be pleased to pass any other or further order and/or orders as may be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

4. It is contended that vide the impugned order so issued by Opp. Party No.3 under Annexure-5, Petitioner has been put under transfer and posted in the Khaira block in the district of Balasore.

4.1. It is contended that Petitioner on two earlier occasion has rendered his service in Khaira block and there was no occasion to put him under transfer to the same block once again. It is also contended that since Petitioner in the meantime has developed eye problem, Petitioner is not in a position to join in his new place of posting. It is also contended that Petitioner has no interest to continue in his present place of posting, if he will be transferred and posted in any block coming under Jaleswar and Baliapal block.

4.2. It is further contended that making similar prayer, Petitioner has already moved opp. Party No.3 under Annexure-9, but the same is yet to be considered. It is accordingly contended that Opp. Party No.3 be directed



to take a lawful decision on Annexure-9 and till then, Petitioner be protected.

5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel on the other hand contended that if representation filed by the Petitioner under Annexure-9 has not yet been disposed of, this Court can pass appropriate order.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the submission made, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition directs Opp. Party No.3 to take a lawful decision on the representation made by the Petitioner vide Annexure-9 within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Petitioner is directed to provide a copy of this order before Opp. Party No.3 on or before 23.06.2026.

7. Till a decision is taken as directed, no coercive action be taken against the Petitioner.

8. The Writ Petition accordingly stands disposed of.

**(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)**  
**Vacation Judge**

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