



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 20361 of 2026

Dropati Rana

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Petitioner

Mr. S.P. Swain, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

14.07.2026

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 this Hon'ble Court would be graciously pleased to:

i) Allow this Writ Petition

ii) Issue Rule NISI, asking the Opp.Parties to show cause as to why they shall not be directed to grant/release the pensionary benefits of deceased husband along with family pension in favour of the petitioner by taking the order dated 31.01.2024 vide Annexure-4, and if the Opp. Parties do not show cause or show insufficient cause, then issue a writ of mandamus in nature, thereby directing to the concerned Opp.Parties to grant/release the pensionary benefits of deceased husband along with family pension in favour of the petitioner by taking the order dated 31.01.2024 vide Annexure-4 within a stipulated period.



iii) And/or pass an order(s), direction(s), as this Hon'ble Court deem fit and proper.

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

4. 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 three (3) weeks hence.

5. 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 period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of such representation. The order so passed by Opp. Party No. 1 be communicated to the Petitioner.

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

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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