



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.20187 of 2026

Prasanna Kumar Mallick

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Kunal Kumar Swain

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
S.Behera, A.G.A.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

06.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Virtual Mode.
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State- Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

*“Under the above circumstances, it is humbly
prayed that the writ petition be allowed;*

And

*(a) a writ of mandamus or an appropriate writ may be
issued directing the Opposite Party No.3, i.e., the District
Education Officer, Nabarangpur to release the Dearness
Allowance of the petitioner from July 2019 to June 2020
within a time to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court;*



And

(b) any other order/orders or direction/directions may be issued so as to give complete relief to the petitioner”

4. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that being aggrieved by the inaction of the Opposite Party No.3, District Education Officer, Nabarangpur in considering the prayer of the Petitioner to release the D.A for the period from July, 2019 to June, 2020, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application. He further contended that earlier the Petitioner approached the Opposite Party No.3, the D.E.O., Nabarangpur by filing a representation dated 10.12.2025 at Annexure-6 to the writ application. However, though several months have elapsed in the meantime, no final decision has been taken on such representation. Being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Party No.3, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contended that although he has no specific instruction in the matter. However, on perusal of the record, it appears that the Petitioner has already approached the Opposite Party No.3 for redressal of his grievance. He further contended that in the event any representation is pending before the Opposite Party No.3, he will have no objection in the event this Court directs the Opposite Party No.3 to consider and dispose of the representation of the Petitioner strictly in accordance with law and the applicable rules within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the submissions of learned counsels for the parties, further taking into consideration the nature of the prayer,



this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ application at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite Party No.3 to consider the grievance of the Petitioner as indicated in his representation dated 10.12.2025 at Annexure-6 strictly in accordance with law and dispose of the same by passing a speaking and reasoned order within a period of six weeks from the date of communication of a certified copy of this order by the Petitioner. The final decision so taken by the Opposite Party No.3 be also communicated to the Petitioner within a week from the date of taking such a decision.

7. With the aforesaid observations/ directions, the writ application stands disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Anil