



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.20217 of 2026

1) Ananta Satpathy

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Petitioners

2) Ram Kumar Naik

Represented by Adv. -

3) Hasan Tara

Kunal Kumar Swain

4) Udayanath Pradhan

5) Abhimanyu Sahu

6) Arata Kumar Biswal

7) Babuli Biswal

8) Debananda Pradhan

9) Jagabandhu Sahu

-versus-

1) state of odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) director, secondary education

Represented by Adv. -

3) district education officer, deogarh,

Smt. S. Nayak, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

06.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
 2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the prayer made therein.
 3. The Petitioners have filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

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

And

(A) a writ of mandamus or an appropriate writ may be issued directing the opposite parties to release the



salary components/grant-in-aid in favour of the petitioners either with effect from 01.06.1997 or with effect from the date of their eligibility as per the Grant-in-Aid, 1994 instead of block grant with effect from 01.01.2004, as per the Grant-in-Aid Order, 2004 keeping in view the judgment of this Hon'ble Court rendered in the case of State of Odisha and another Vs. Ratnakar Mohapatra and another (F.A.O No.509 of 2014 disposed of on 19.03.2025 along with batch of cases) which has been upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court vide order dated 25.03.2026 by dismissing several SLPs filed by the State Government, which were tagged to S.L.P (Civil) Diary No.6943 of 2026 and the differential arrears may be calculated and may be paid to the petitioner, within a time to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court;

(B) And any other order / orders or direction / directions may be issued so as to give complete relief to the petitioners;"

4. In course of hearing of the writ application, learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners ventilating their grievance has submitted representation before the Director, Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, Opposite Party No.2 under Annexure-5. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the said representation is pending as of now. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that a direction be issued to the Opposite Party No.2 to consider the representation of the Petitioners under Annexure-5 within a stipulated period of time.

5. Learned Additional Government Advocate submits that he has no objection if the representation of the Petitioners is considered by the Opposite Party No.2, which is stated to be



pending, in accordance with law within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the limited nature of grievance of the Petitioners, the writ application is disposed of at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.2 to consider the representation of the Petitioners dated 02.04.2026 under Annexure-5 within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order. The Opposite Party No.2 shall do well to dispose of the representation of the Petitioners under Annexure-5 by passing a speaking and reasoned order by taking into account order passed in FAO No.509 of 2014. The decision so taken by the Opposite Party No.2 be also communicated to the Petitioners within ten days thereafter.

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

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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