



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.19778 of 2025

Manoj Patra

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Laxmikanta Mohanty

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

.....

Opposite Parties

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. J.K. Bal, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

22.07.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
 2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as the documents annexed thereto.
 3. The present writ petition has been filed by the Petitioner with the following prayers:-

“It is, therefore, prayed that this Hon’ble Court may graciously be pleased to issue notice to the opp. parties calling upon them to file show cause as to why:-

- i) *a direction shall not be issued to give promotion to the petitioner to the post of MPHW (Male) Level-I w.e.f. 01.08.2025 taking into consideration the date of superannuation of Sitakanta Majhi w.e.f 31.07.2025 as well as taking into consideration the placement of the petitioner in the final gradation list dated*



25.03.2025 under Annexure -4;

ii) *And after hearing the parties be pleased to direct the opp. parties especially opp. party no.3 to give promotion to the petitioner to the post of MPHWW (Male) Level-1 w.e.f 1.8.2025 i.e. after superannuation of Sri Sitakanta Majhi who was promoted against U.R. vacancy.*

And pass any other order/orders, direction/directions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper."

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the name of the Petitioner finds place at Serial No.47 of the common gradation list. He further submitted that upto Serial No.46, the persons who are working as MPHWW(M) Level-II have been given promotion to the post of MPHWW (M) Level-I in their respective category. He further submitted that vacancy is likely to arise by the end of this month. Accordingly, the Petitioner has submitted an application before the Opposite Party No.3 dated 20.06.2025 under Annexure-7 to consider his case for promotion against such vacancy as he is next on line to get such promotion.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contended that although he has no specific instruction in the matter, however, in the event the Petitioner has filed any representation and no final decision has been taken thereof, he will have no objection in the event this Court directs the Opposite Party No.3 to dispose of the representation of the Petitioner in accordance with law and within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for the respective parties and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court disposes of the writ petition at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.3 to



consider the representation of the Petitioner dated 20.06.2025 under Annexure-7 in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of a certified copy of this order. It is needless to mention here that the representation of the Petitioner shall be considered and disposed of by passing a speaking and reasoned order. Any decision so taken on the said representation shall be communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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