



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.20157 of 2025

Biplab Kumar Behera

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. -
Jaydeep Pal

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) The Chairman-cum-md, Optcl,
Bbsr

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. J.K.Bal, A.G.A.

3) Senior General Manager (hrd) ,
Ee, Optcl, Bbsr

Mr. B.K.Das, learned
senior counsel for
OPTCL

CORAM:

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

ORDER

Order No.

23.07.2025

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as Mr. B.K.Das, learned senior counsel appearing for the OPTCL and learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

“It is, therefore, prayed that in the facts and circumstances stated above and in the interest of justice. Your Lordships may be graciously pleased to issue appropriate writ(s) quashing the order of transfer of the petitioner issued vide Office Order No.11477 dated 08.07.2025 in Annexure-1;



And, pass such other order(s)/issue such other direction(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper."

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset contended that the petitioner who is an employee working under the Opposite Party No.2. Being aggrieved by the order of transfer under Annexure-1 to the writ application dated 08.07.2025 has approached this Court by filing the present writ application. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contended that in the mid-academic session, the petitioner who is working as Deputy General Manager (EI.) has been transferred to 400KV Division, Meramundali. Further referring to the transfer order learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the transfer order does not reveal that the petitioner has been transferred on ground of any administrative exigency. On the contrary the transfer order is in the routine nature. He further contended that being aggrieved by such transfer order the petitioner has submitted his representation before the Opposite Party No.2 on 18.07.2025 under Annexure-3 to the writ application, however, the same has not been considered. Being aggrieved by such inaction on the part of the Opposite Party No.2, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Mr. Das, learned senior counsel appearing for the OPTCL on the other hand submitted that although he has no specific instruction in the matter, however on a perusal of the writ application it appears that the grievance of the petitioner with regard to his transfer from Bhubaneswar to Meramundali. He further contended that in the event the petitioner has any grievance with regard to the transfer order, the petitioner may approach the Opposite Party No.2, and in such event he will have no objection if this Court directs the Opposite Party No.2 to consider such representation, if the same is still pending for



consideration.

6. Taking into consideration the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the Parties, on a careful examination of the background facts and the dispute involved in the writ application, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ application at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite Party No.2 to consider the representation of the petitioner, if the same is still pending, in accordance with law and in terms of the transfer policy followed by the Opposite Party No.2 within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of certified copy of today's order. The representation of the petitioner shall be considered and disposed of by passing a speaking and reasoned order. The final decision so taken be communicated to the petitioner within ten days thereafter. It is further directed that till disposal of the representation of the petitioner or for a period of six weeks, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner.

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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