



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No. 22914 of 2025

Sharat Kumar Malik & Ors.

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Petitioners

Mr. J.K. Khuntia, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Mr. S. Das, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

20.08.2025

Order No. 01

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.
3. Petitioners have filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

“It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ application, call for the records, issue notice to the opp. parties and on hearing issue writ of mandamus directing the opp. parties to take necessary steps for amalgamation the Odisha Subordinate Welfare Officer Cadre and Odisha Welfare Service Cadre into one Cadre comprising Welfare Extension Officer, Additional District Welfare Officer, District Welfare Officer, Deputy Director, Joint Director & Additional Director as the promotional channels post and the 1/3rd direct entry of Additional District Welfare Officer post through OPSC is to be withdrawn and the post shall be filled up through promotion from Welfare Extension Officer and further direction may be issued to opp. party No. 1 to act upon on the representations filed by the petitioner under Annexure - 5 Series within a time stipulated by the Hon'ble Court.



And pass any other order/orders, direction/directions as would be deem fit and proper as facts and circumstances of the case.

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

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that though highlighting their grievances, Petitioners have filed a representation at Annexure-5 series to the Writ Petition before the Opp. Party No. 1, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, learned counsel for the Petitioners prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No. 1 to take a decision on the above noted Petition within a specific time period.

5. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No. 1 to take a decision on the above noted petition in accordance with law, within a period of four (4) months from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioners.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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