

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.27897 of 2023

Sarada Badhei

.... ***Petitioner***
Ms. Sailabala Jena, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & others

.... ***Opposite Parties***
Mr. N.K. Praharaj, A.G.A.

**CORAM:
JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA**

ORDER
28.08.2023

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&
I.A. No.13369 of 2023**

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner was appointed as Master Book Keeper (MBK), Gram Panchayat Level Federation, Kansada Gram Panchayat and, accordingly, she was discharging her duties. It is further contended by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that vide order dated 22.08.2023 under Annexure-3 to the writ petition the Petitioner has been removed from service and she has been asked to handover the charges along with all Book records and documents to the president and secretary of Kansada GPLF. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contended that the decision to remove from the service has been taken under the influence of local political leaders. She further contended that the Petitioner was not provided with an opportunity to show cause before the extreme punishment of removal of service has been imposed on her.

4. Learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Parties, on the other hand, contended that he needs some time to verify as to whether the Petitioner has been provided any opportunity of hearing for removal or not.

5. In such view of the matter, on the request of the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Parties, he is granted four weeks' time to file his reply.

6. Accordingly, list this matter in the week commencing 16th October, 2023.

7. As an interim measure, it is directed that the impugned order dated 22.08.2023 under Annexure-3 to the writ petition shall remain stayed till the next date.

Debasis

