



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No. 35218 of 2025

Tapaswini Mahala

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Petitioner

Mr. N. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Mr. S.P. Das, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

17.04.2026

Order No. 06

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.
3. Pursuant to order dtd.30.03.2026, learned Addl. Standing Counsel produced the copy of letter dtd.20.04.2024 and the decision taken in the Review Committee Meeting held on 05.07.2024 in Court with service of copy on the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner. The same be kept in record.
4. Even though it is found that the Review Committee never recommended the case of the Petitioner to give her premature retirement in terms of the provisions contained under Rule 71(a) of the Orissa Service Code, but vide the impugned order dtd.22.09.2025 under Annexure-2, Petitioner was given such retirement in terms of Rule 71(a) of the Code.
5. It is also found that the said order under Annexure-2 was passed while complying the order passed by this Court on 17.06.2025 in W.P.(C) No. 15725 of 2025. Vide the said order this Court directed for consideration of the claim of the Petitioner for her transfer from



Tahasil Office, Ulunda to Tahasil Officer, Sonapur. However, it is found from the record that vide office order dtd.01.07.2015 under Annexure-5 Petitioner had already been relieved from Tahasil Office Ulunda for her joining in Tahasil Office, Birmaharajpur.

6. It is also found from the instruction that after being relieved from Tahasil Office, Ulunda on 01.07.2015, Petitioner never joined in Tahasil Office, Birmaharajpur and continued on unauthorized leave w.e.f.02.07.2015.

7. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner accordingly is directed to file an affidavit showing that Petitioner has joined in terms of order dtd.01.07.2015 under Annexure-5. Petitioner is also directed to file an affidavit as to how she can approach this Court by filing the writ petition with a prayer to transfer her from Tahasil Office, Ulunda to Tahasil Office, Sonapur, when on the face of Annexure-5 order, she has already been relieved from the office of Tahasildar, Ulunda on 01.07.2015.

8. Let such an affidavit be filed by 24th April, 2026 positively.

9. As requested, list this matter on 1st May, 2026.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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