



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No. 34066 of 2025

Santosh Jena @ Santosh

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Petitioner

Kumar Jena

Mr. A.C. Behera, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

17.12.2025

Order No. 01

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

“Therefore, it is respectfully prayed that, this Hon'ble court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ application, issue notice to the opp. Parties particularly opp. Party No. 2 for show cause as to why the direction will not be issued for providing adequate ex-gratia compensation, to the petitioner. This Hon'ble court may make its rule absolute if the said opp. Party fails to submit sufficient cause or show insufficient cause and after hearing from the parties this Hon'ble Court may direct to the opp. Parties particularly Collector & D.M, Keonjhar (Opp. Party No.2) in the writ of mandamus for providing adequate ex-gratia compensation of Rs.4 lakhs as per the order No. 1936 /R & DM(SR) dtd.01.06.2015 (under Annexure 1) to the petitioner within a stipulated time for the interest of justice and equity as this case in question.



It is further prayed that this Hon'ble court may be pleased to direct any other appropriate direction or pass any other suitable orders, writ (s), as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit just and proper.

And for this act of kindness the Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that though highlighting his grievances, Petitioner has filed a representation at Annexure-3 to the Writ Petition before the Opp. Party No. 2, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, learned counsel for the Petitioner prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No. 2 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. 2 to take a decision on the above noted petition in accordance with law, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioner.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

Sneha