



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.35156 of 2025

Manas Ranjan Sahu

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Prasanta Ku. Mohanty(2), Advocate

-Versus -

State of Odisha & Another

....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

11.02.2026

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

02.

1. Heard Mr. P.K. Mohanty (2) for the petitioner and Mr. D. Mohanty, learned AGA for both the opposite parties Nos. 1 and 2.

2. Petitioner, Bench Clerk, Grade-I, in the Office of the District Judge, Kalahandi at Bhawanipatna retired from service on 30th June, 2022 on attaining the age of superannuation. Pursuant to final Pension Payment Order (PPO) dated 31.10.2022, the petitioner received regular pension.

3. Subsequently, the learned District Judge, Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna by order No.145 of 2025 dated 25th June, 2025, directed for recovery of excess amount of Rs.1,53,900/- drawn by the petitioner towards salary and Rs.46,900/- drawn by him towards unutilized leave salary, which according to the opposite parties was paid to the petitioner in excess while granting him the benefit of up-gradation to Non-Judicial Staff in the State.



4. Issue notice returnable by four weeks.
5. As Mr. D. Mohanty, learned AGA appears for the opposite parties, no formal notice need be issued to them. The petitioner shall serve requisites extra copies of the writ petition along with the annexures upon Mr. Mohanty, AGA, to enable him to obtain instructions in the matter.
6. Until further orders, opposite parties shall not recover any excess amount from the petitioner paid to him in terms of his up-gradation noted above.
7. List this matter on 20th March, 2026.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge

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