



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.35029 of 2025

Ritarani Jena

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Petitioner

Mr. S. Dwibedi, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. U.C. Behura, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE DIXIT KRISHNA SHRIPAD

ORDER

09.12.2025

Order No.

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Petitioner's short grievance is against non-consideration of her representation dated 14.08.2025, wherein she has sought for transfer from Taljuri Upper Primary School, Luisingha Block in the district of Bolangir to any nearby school in Bhubaneswar or Puri, where her husband has established the matrimonial home after marriage.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner presses into service the decision of Apex Court in *B. Varadha Rao v. State of Karnataka*, AIR 1986 SC 1955 in support of his contention that once such a representation is given, the authorities are duty bound to look into the same and grant redressal in accordance with law.

3. Learned AGA-Mr. Behura appearing for the OPs opposes the petition contending that no employee has right to be transferred to the place of his or her choice and therefore, writ petition is misconceived. Having so contended, now, he agrees to instruct OP No.2 to look into the grievance of the Petitioner in the light of subject representation, if all contentions are kept open. This is appreciable.



In the above circumstances, writ petition is disposed off directing OP No.2 to consider Petitioner's subject representation in the light of letter dated 28.11.2025 addressed by the Director, Elementary Education, Odisha to all District Education Officers of the State regarding completion of online intra-district transfer of teachers working in Government Schools. This should be done before the cutoff date i.e. 25.12.2025.

It is open to the answering OP No.2 to solicit any information or documents from the side of the Petitioner, as required for taking a decision on the subject representation. However, in that guise delay shall not be brooked.

Now, no costs.

Web copy of this order to be acted upon by all concerned.

(Dixit Krishna Shripad)
Judge

Madhusmita