



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.20930 of 2026

Pramodini Panigrahi

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Bhojaraj Seth

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
C.M. Singh, A.S.C.

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

15.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State- Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

“It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble court may graciously be pleased to admit this writ petition and issue notice to the opp. parties call for the records and after hearing both the parties this Hon'ble Court may direct the Opp. Parties that properly maintain the residency period of the petitioner as per her re-engagement date i.e. on 01.01.2005 and regular date 26.03.2011 as per her seniority and the petitioner may be promoted from level V(B) to level-IIIrd teacher which may be included in the Gradation list of her contemporary and financial benefits



may be given to the petitioner from the date of promotion of her contemporary teachers as per rules in which rules availed by her contemporary teacher.

And any other order/orders direction/directions may be deem fit and proper pass in favor of the petitioner.”

4. In course of hearing of the writ application, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner ventilating her grievance the Petitioner has already approached the Collector-cum-Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Bolangir, Opposite Party No.4 for her promotion to the next higher level by filing a detailed representation on 16.06.2026 at Annexure-10 to the writ application. He further contended that although the Petitioner is eligible to get promotion to the next higher level, however, her case has not been considered by the Opposite Party No.4. Being aggrieved by such inaction on the part of the Opposite Party No.4, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel submits that he has no objection if the representation of the Petitioner is considered by the Opposite Party No.4, which is stated to be pending, in accordance with law within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the limited nature of grievance of the Petitioner, the writ application is disposed of at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.4 to consider the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-10 within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order. The Opposite Party No.4 shall do well to dispose of the representation of the Petitioner under Annexure-10 by passing a speaking and



reasoned order. The decision so taken by the Opposite Party No.4 be also communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter. It is further directed that every endeavour shall be made by the Opposite Party No.4 to first consider the case of the Petitioner for promotion before taking up the cases of other eligible candidates for promotion to the same higher post.

7. With the aforesaid observation/ direction, the writ application stands disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Anil

Signature Not Verified

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