



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.23822 of 2026

CNR No.ODHC010542722026

Kamal Pradhan

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Petitioner

Mr. Trilochan Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. Debashis Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

Order No.

ORDER
29.08.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for both the Parties.
 2. By means of this Application, the Petitioner seeks the indulgence of this Court to quash the order dated 30.08.2025, whereby the representation of the Petitioner has been turned down by the Authority.
 3. Mr. Das, learned counsel for the Petitioner, in course of the hearing of the Application, drew the attention of this Court by substantiating the claim to the rejection order passed by the Principal Secretary to the Government vide Annexure-5, wherein the Authority has made a specific observation as under:

“Whereas, as per Rule 2(q) of the OCS (Pension) Rules 1992, the Pension Sanctioning Authority means the



Appointing Authority competent to make appointment to the post held by the retiring Government servant.”

4. Mr. Tripathy, learned Additional Government Advocate (AGA), also drew the attention of this Court to Annexure-6, wherein the Joint Secretary to Government in the Department of Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department has also addressed a letter to Opposite Party No.2, i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal, in connection with the claim of the Petitioner pursuant to the order passed in W.P.(C) No.17771 of 2025. Accordingly, the Petitioner ought to have pursued his claim before Opposite Party No.2, i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal.

5. In view of the above, while disposing of the Writ Petition at the stage of admission, the Petitioner is directed to pursue the matter before Opposite Party No.2, i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal. Since a letter has already been addressed to Opposite Party No.2, i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal, by the Joint Secretary to Government in the Department of Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department in Letter No.14937 dated 25.08.2025, the Opposite Party No.2, i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal, is directed to proceed to settle the claim of the Petitioner in accordance with law within a period of three (03) months and to communicate the result thereof within one (01) week thereafter.

A free copy of this order to be supplied to Mr. Tripathy, learned Additional Government Advocate (AGA), for onward



transmission to Opposite Party No.2, i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal, for compliance.

6. In view of the above, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

Priyanka

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