



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.24118 of 2026
CNR No. ODH010571452026

Dr. Kabi Chandra Swain **Petitioner**
Mr. L. Samantaray, Senior Advocate
-versus-
State of Odisha and others **Opposite Parties**
Mr. S.K. Jee, AGA

CORAM:
JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
03.08.2026

Order No.
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1. Heard Mr. L. Samantaray, learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. S.K. Jee, learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-Opposite Parties.
2. The Petitioner has prayed to extend the benefits of UGC Scale of Pay in his favour from the date of getting GIA, i.e. from 01.06.1988.
3. It is submitted that the prayer of the Petitioner regarding benefits of UGC Scale at par with Lecturers of non-Government Degree College is covered by the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Odisha & Ors. V. Swadesh Kumar Das*, decided on 29.01.2026 in Civil Appeal No.9828 of 2024. It is further submitted that the Petitioner may be permitted to make a representation to the authority in this regard.
4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the



contention of the Petitioner, permitting the Petitioner to make a representation in writing ventilating his grievances to the Secretary of Higher Education Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar (Opposite Party No.1) within a period of two weeks from today along with certified copy of this order and a copy of the writ petition, and in such event, Opposite Party No.1 shall consider the grievance of the Petitioner and take decision, in accordance with law, keeping in view the decision of ***Swadesh Kumar Das*** (supra), if applicable, within a period of three months thereafter.

5. Urgent certified copy of this order be issued on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

B.K. Barik