

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 510 of 2022

Saroj Kumar Padhy

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Petitioner

Mr. P.K. Mohapatra, Advocate

Vs.

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite parties

State Counsel

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI

ORDER

18.01.2022

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.

2. Heard.

3. The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking direction to the opposite parties to allow grade pay of Rs.5400/- w.e.f. 01.01.2013 towards 2nd financial up-gradation on completion of 20 years of service as Jr. Engineer under RACP scheme in the light of the benefits given to other similarly situated persons vide Annexure-3 and the decision in O.A. No.2237 of 2014 and batch vide Annexure-2 and accordingly his pay may be fixed and the accrued arrears be released in his favour within a stipulated time.

4. In course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner states that highlighting the grievances, the petitioner has made a representation to opposite party No.2 vide Annexure-4 and the same may be directed to be considered within a stipulated time, taking into consideration Annexures-2 and 3, to which learned counsel for the State has no objection.

5. As agreed to by learned counsel for the parties, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, disposes of the writ petition directing opposite party No.2 to consider the representation filed by the petitioner vide Annexure-4, taking into consideration Annexures-2 and 3, and pass appropriate order in

accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of production of certified/authenticated copy of this order.

6. As the restrictions due to resurgence of COVID-19 situation are continuing, learned counsel for the parties may utilize a print out of the order available in the High Court's website, at par with certified copy, subject to attestation by the concerned advocate, in the manner prescribed, vide Court's Notice No.4587 dated 25th March, 2020, as modified by Court's Notice No. 4798 dated 15th April, 2021, and Court's Office Order circulated vide Memo Nos.514 and 515 dated 7th January, 2022.

Ashok

(DR. B.R. SARANGI, J.)

