

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 1158 OF 2022

Cherikuri Anita

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Petitioner

Mr. Manas Pati, Advocate

Vs.

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite parties

State Counsel

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI

ORDER

19.01.2022

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This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.

2. The husband of the Petitioner while working as VLW/PEO in the establishment of Block Development Officer, Jeypore, Koraput died in harness on 24.10.2019. As it appears, the revised pension, pensionary benefits and arrears of the deceased employee & family pension has not been released. As such, the wife of the deceased employee has come to this Court challenging the inaction of the Opposite Parties in not granting such benefits.

3. In view of the limited grievance of the Petitioner, this Court disposes of the writ petition with a direction to the Opposite Parties to release the revised pension, pensionary benefits and arrears of the deceased employees & family pension in favour of the Wife-Petitioner within a period of two months from the date of communication of an authenticated copy of this order by the petitioner, failing which, the persons responsible for delay in releasing the revised pension, pensionary benefits and arrears of the deceased employee in favour of the Petitioner shall be liable to pay interest @ 18% per annum, if there is no legal impediment.

4. It is the responsibility of the Petitioner to serve an

authenticated copy of this order on the Competent Authority within a period of ten days, as undertaken.

5. As the restrictions due to resurgence of COVID-19 situation are continuing, learned counsel for the parties may utilize a printout 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.

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

