

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 1338 of 2022

Prafulla Kumar Mishra

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Petitioner

Mr. M. Pati, Advocate

Vs.

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite parties

State Counsel

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI

ORDER

20.01.2022

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This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.

2. The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking direction to the opposite parties to modify the order under Annexure-1 in pay Band of Rs.57,500/- instead of Rs.46,100/- at the stage of fixation from 02.04.2016 as per ORSP Rules, 2017 in favour of the petitioner with all consequential benefits, as the same has been extended to similarly situated employees under Annexure-4 by considering representation under Annexure-5 within a stipulated period.

3. Mr. M. Pati, learned counsel for the petitioner contended that similar matter had come up for consideration before this Court in W.P.(C) No. 1561 of 2021 (*Netrananda Barik and others v. State of Odisha*

and others), wherein such benefit has been extended to the petitioner in the said writ petition under Annexure-4. It is contended that since the petitioner stands in the same footing, the benefit should have been extended in favour of the petitioner.

4. Considering the contention raised by learned counsel for the petitioner and after going through the records, this writ petition stands disposed of directing opposite party no.3 to consider the representation of the petitioner in the light of the order passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No. 1561 of 2021 (*Netrananda Barik and others v. State of Odisha and others*) and taking into consideration Annexure-4, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of production of certified/authenticated copy of this order.

5. 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.