

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.1656 OF 2022

<i>Rama Krushna Panda</i>		<i>Petitioner</i>
		<i>Mr. Manas Pati, Advocate</i>
	Vs.	
<i>State of Odisha & Ors.</i>		<i>Opposite parties</i>
		<i>State Counsel</i>

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI

ORDER

21.01.2022

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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 grade pay to Rs.5400/- instead of Rs.4800/- at the stage of 3rd financial upgradation with effect from 02.04.2016 in favour of the petitioner as has been sanctioned in favour of similarly employee under Annexure-5 with all consequential benefits within a stipulate time.

3. Mr. M. Pati, learned counsel for the petitioner contended that similar matter had come up for consideration before the Tribunal in O.A. No.1506 of 2019 (***Rabindranath Sahu v. State of Odisha and others***), wherein such benefit has been extended to the petitioner in the said original application under Annexure-5. 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 the Tribunal in O.A. No.1506 of 2019 (*Rabindranath Sahu v. State of Odisha and others*) and taking into consideration Annexure-5, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of production of certified copy of this order.

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.