

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.11408 of 2022

Govinda Chandra Sahoo and others* *Petitioners
Mr. S.K. Purohit, Advocate

-versus-

Paradip Port Trust, Jagatsinghpur* *Opposite Parties
& another

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

11.05.2022

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.
3. The Petitioners have filed this writ petition with the following prayers:

“It is therefore prayed that your Lordships may be graciously pleased to admit this case, issue notice on the Opp.parties directing them to show cause as to why the service/appointment of the petitioners shall not be regularized as such in the post of Junior Engineer (Mechanical) on hearing both the sides, if the Opp.parties show no or inadequate reasons, then issue a writ of appropriate nature directing the Opp.parties to regularize the service of the petitioners in the post of Junior Engineer (Mechanical);

And/or pass any such other/further orders/directions as deemed just and proper by your Lordships in the aforesaid facts and circumstances of this case.

And allow this writ petition;”

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners are working for more than 10 years without any interim order or without intervention by any court of law on contractual basis. Despite several reminders and approaches by the petitioners, the authorities have not considered their cases of regularization of services. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that basing on the information obtained under the RTI Act that nine numbers of regular sanctioned posts are available to accommodate the petitioners. However, the authorities have not considered the case of regularization of the petitioners. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that after working for so many years, the petitioners have become age bar and they will not be able to get any job. Unless their services are regularized in regular vacant posts, the petitioners along with their families will suffer a lot. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners are ready and willing to approach the authority again by filing a fresh representation along with the judgment rendered by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *Secretary State of Karnataka v. Umadevi (3)*, 2006(4) SCC 1, *State of Karnataka and others v. M.L.Keshari and others*, 2010(II) OLR (SC) 982 and *Amarkanti Rai v. State of Bihar and others* (2015) 8 SCC 265 and *Narendra Kumar Tiwari v. State of Jharkhand* (2018) 8 SCC 238.

5. Considering the aforesaid submissions of the leaned counsel for the petitioners and keeping in view the law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court as well as this Court for engagement on contractual basis, this Court is of the considered view that no useful

purpose will be served by keeping the matter pending in this Court. Therefore, the present writ application is disposed of at the stage of admission by directing the Petitioner to file a fresh representation highlighting his grievance along with copies of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as this Court on the subject in support of his claim and shall approach the authorities within two weeks from today along with certified copy of this order. In the event such a fresh representation is filed by the petitioners, the same shall be considered in accordance with law and in the light of the judgment rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as this Court within a period of two months and shall be disposed of by passing a reasoned and speaking order. It is needless to mention here that in the event the authorities found that the petitioners are covered under the law laid down in the aforesaid judgments, then the services of the petitioners shall be regularized within a period of three months thereafter. Further, the authorities shall do well to intimate the final decision to the petitioners within two weeks from the date of such decision. It is also directed that till consideration of the representation of the petitioners, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioners.

6. With the aforesaid observation, the writ application is disposed of.

7. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.