

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.26286 of 2022

Santilata Mukhi

....

Petitioner

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

....

Opposite Parties

**CORAM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER
14.10.2022**

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- 01.** 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition with the following prayer:-

"It is therefore, humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:-

i) direct the opp. parties to grant similar benefits of Grade pay of Rs.4200/-in favour of her husband late Harekrushna Mukhi as has been given to similarly situated persons in the light of the principles decided in O.A.No.434/2016, 550/2016 and 551/2016, disposed of vide order dated 20.1.2017 and Govt. instruction vide letter No. 6590/R&DM, dt. 20.02.2018 and order dt. 19.8.2022 vide Annexure-4 and accordingly his pay be fixed and the arrear pension and all retiral benefits of her late husband be released and sanction family pension in favour of the petitioner within a stipulated period;

ii) Pass such other order (s)/direction(s) as would be deem fit and proper in the bonafide interest of Justice; And for which act of kindness, the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

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4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submits that through highlighting her grievances, the Petitioner has filed an application at Annexure-7 to the Writ Petition before the O.P. No.3, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, learned counsel for the Petitioner prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No.3 to take a decision on the above noted Petition within a specific time period.

5. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No.3 to take a decision on the above noted petition taking into account Annexure-4 & 6 within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioner.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Sneha