

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 27768 of 2022

Niranjan Senapati and others

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Petitioners

Mr. G. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. N.K. Praharaj, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K.MOHAPATRA

ORDER

16.11.2022

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties.
3. The present writ petition has been filed by the Petitioners with the following prayers:

“Directing the opposite parties to grant PDS retailer license to the petitioner-Gram Panchayats in preference to all other category persons instead of private individuals and to streamline the process therefore;

And by granting any other relief(s) as found fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

4. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioners that although the Petitioners have filed representation under Annexure-3 to the writ petition before the Opposite Party No.2, but the same is still pending before the said Opposite party and the said Opposite Party has not taken any decision as of now.

5. Learned counsel for the State submits that he has no objection, if a direction is given to the authority concerned to consider the representation of the Petitioners in accordance with law within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the submissions made by the respective parties and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court disposes of the writ petition at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.2 to consider the representation of the Petitioners under Annexure-3 in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order. It is needless to mention here that the representation of the Petitioners shall be considered and disposed of by passing a speaking and reasoned order. Any decision so taken on the said representation shall be communicated to the Petitioners within a period of two weeks thereafter.

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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