

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WPC (OAC) No.345 of 2014

Laxmi Prasad Densena *Petitioner*
Mr. Alekh Chandra Mohanty, Adv

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. *Opposite Parties*
Mr. G.R. Mohapatra, ASC

CORAM:
DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

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7. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Learned counsel for the parties are present. Judgment prepared in separate sheets is delivered and pronounced in open Court in the presence of learned counsel for the parties and the order is passed accordingly as follows:-
3. Admittedly, the Petitioner is engaged as seasonal worker during the flood season between June and October every year for the flood control works of the Hirakud reservoir. The engagement of the Petitioner is purely on temporary basis for a particular period of the year and it is clearly mentioned in the appointment order

that it will not cover any right or claim of seniority or claim for regular appointment or any other service benefits. The Petitioner has claimed regularisation at par with the employees/workers working under the Central Water Commission, Government of India. But, the present petitioner being appointed as Seasonal Worker in the Hirakud Dam Project is governed by the rules of the Government of Odisha. Moreover, the letters of different Officers of Water Resources Department for considering the seasonal workers to engage beyond monsoon season are the letters of sympathy to the Petitioner and others. These letters are only to convey the grievances of the Petitioner and others to the higher Officers for consideration, if admissible under existing Government norms.

4. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to entertain the prayer of the Petitioner.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No order as to costs.

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge

B.Jhankar