

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPC No. 40686 of 2021

Nila Mahanand and others

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Petitioners

Mr. K.K. Swain, Advocate

Vs.

State of Odisha and others

.....

Opposite parties

State counsel

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI

ORDER

21.01.2022

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.

2. Heard.

3. The petitioners have filed this writ petition seeking direction to the opposite parties to count the past services of the petitioners rendered upon Non Formal Education Scheme prior to 01.01.2005 for the purpose of bringing them under the coverage of Odisha Civil Service Pension Rules, 1992 and the benefits of GPF Rules, 1938 keeping in view the decision of the Apex Court in the case of *Parameshwar Nanda and others Vs. State of Jharkhanda* and others and *State of Himachal Pradesh Vs. Joga Singh*.

4. In course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners states that highlighting the grievances, the petitioners have made representation to opposite party No.1 vide Annexure-6 and the same may be directed to be considered, within a stipulated time, to which learned counsel for the State has no objection.

5. As agreed to by learned counsel for the parties, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, disposes of the writ petition directing opposite party No.1 to consider the representation filed by the petitioners vide Annexure-6, and pass

appropriate order in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of production of certified/authenticated copy this order.

6. 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.

Ashok

(DR. B.R. SARANGI, J.)

