IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No. 25999 of 2021

Ashok Kumar Dev ..... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A.K. Chhatoi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. ..... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. M.R. Mohanty, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY
ORDER
01.12.2025

Order No. 03

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.

3. Petitioner has filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

> *"In view of the facts stated and submissions made above, the Petitioner most humbly prays that the Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to issue a writ in the nature of Writ of Mandamus directing the Opp. Parties to promote the Petitioner from the rank of Forester to the post of Deputy Ranger from the date his junior (Opp. Party No.4) got such promotion with effect from 29.01.2021 as per Annexure-4.*
>
> *And consequently direct the Opp. Party No 2 & 3 to release all consequential financial and service benefits arising out of retrospective promotion in favour of the Petitioner;*
>
> *And may further be pleased to pass any other order/orders, direction / directions as deemed fit and proper for the ends of justice.*

And for this act of kindness the Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."

4. However, taking into account the claim raised in the present Writ Petition, liberty is granted to the Petitioner to make a fresh representation before Opp. Party No. 2 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of her claim, if any, within a period of three (3) weeks hence.

5. It is observed that if such representation is filed within the aforesaid time period, Opp. Party No. 2 shall do well to take a lawful decision on the same within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of such representation. The order so passed by Opp. Party No. 2 be communicated to the Petitioner.

6. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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