**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WP(C) No.7455 of 2026**

***Gouri Shankar Kusum & Anr.*** ..... ***Petitioners***

*Mr. B.K. Mohanty, Advocate*

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

*Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA*

**CORAM:**
**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**
**ORDER**
**10.04.2026**

**Order No. 01**

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. At the outset, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners contended that Writ Petition be confined to Petitioner No.1 only and liberty be given to file separate Writ Petition in respect of other Petitioners. Such prayer is allowed.

3. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner No.1 and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.

4. Petitioner No.1 has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the following prayer:-

> *" The petitioners therefore pray that your Lordship may kindly be pleased to consider the facts stated in the petition, admit the same, call for records, issue notice to the Opp. Parties to file show cause.*
>
> *If the opposite parties fail to file the show cause or show insufficient cause, issue a writ of mandamus directing to Opp. Parties more particularly the opp. party no.5 to*

*consider and treat their seniority from the date selection like other Group-D employees i.e., since Dt.05.12.2017.*

*And to pass such other order/orders as would be deem fit and proper which would afford complete relief to the petitioners;*

*And for this act of kindness, the petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray..”*

5. However, taking into account the claim raised in the present Writ Petition, liberty is granted to the Petitioner No.1 to make a fresh representation before Opp. Party No.5 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of his claim, if any, within a period of three (3) weeks hence.

6. It is observed that if such representation is filed within the aforesaid time period, Opp. Party No.5 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.5 be communicated to the Petitioner No.1.

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

***(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)***
***Judge***

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