IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No. 9328 of 2026

Hrushikesh Mahananda ..... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.K. Jena, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.P. Das, ASC

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. 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 light of the above, the petitioner humbly prays that this Hon'ble court may graciously be pleased to:*
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> *i. Issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the Opposite Parties to consider the case of the Petitioner for promotion from Group-D to Group-C strictly in accordance with the applicable Service Rules within a stipulated time.*
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> *ii. Direct the Opposite Parties to grant the Petitioner all consequential service and financial benefits, including seniority and arrears, arising out of such promotion.*
>
> *iii. Pass any other writ, order or direction as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice.*
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> *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. 3 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of his 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. 3 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. 3 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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