**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**
**WP(C) No. 8775 of 2026**

***Jayprakash Khuntia*** **.....** ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.K. Singh, Advocate

*-versus-*

***Union of India & Ors.*** **.....** ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. P.K. Parhi, DSGI
along with
Mr. D. Harichandan, CGC

**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 Mr. S.K. Singh, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and Mr. P.K. Parhi, learned DSGI along with Mr. D. Harichandan, learned CGC appearing for the Opp. Parties.

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

> *"It is therefore humbly prayed that; this Hon'ble Court may be graciously be pleased to issue a Rule Nissi calling upon the opposite parties to show cause as to why the order of transfer dtd.31.12.2025 under Annexture-3, in respect to the petitioner and order of rejection dtd. 10.02.2026, under Annexure-5 shall not be quashed and further why the petitioner should not be posted to the choice units, and if the opposite parties fails to show cause or show insufficient cause, the rule may be made absolute by quashing the order of transfer dtd. 31.12.2025 under Annexure-3 in respect to the petitioner and order of rejection dtd. 10.02.2026 under Annexure-5.*

*And may be pleased to Pass any other appropriate order/orders as deemed fit just and proper for the interest of Justice.*

*And for this act of kindness the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever prays."*

4. It is contended that Petitioner while continuing in service when he was put under transfer vide order dtd.31.12.2025 under Annexure-3, he made a detailed representation under Annexure-4 with a prayer to cancel the same. But without assigning any reason whatsoever, Petitioner's claim has been rejected vide the impugned order under Annexure-5 dtd.10.02.2026.

4.1. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that since while rejecting the Petitioner's claim vide the impugned order, no reason has been assigned and it is a non-speaking one, the same is not sustainable in the eye of law. It is accordingly contended that Petitioner's claim is required to be considered afresh with passing of a reasoned and speaking order.

5. Learned DSGI though supported the impugned order, but failed to satisfy this Court that any reason has been assigned while rejecting the claim of the Petitioner so made under Annexure-5.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties, considering the submission made and since it is found that no reason has been assigned while rejecting the representation filed by the Petitioner under Annexure-4 against the impugned order of transfer dtd.31.12.2025, this Court on that ground only, is inclined to quash the same. While quashing the impugned order dtd.10.02.2026, this Court remits the matter to Opp. Party No. 4 to take a fresh decision

on the Petitioner's claim with passing of a reasoned and speaking order.

6.1. Since it is fairly contended that all such order of transfer has been kept in abeyance till 15th May, it is expected that a fresh order will be passed before the said date.

7. The writ petition accordingly stands disposed of.

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

*Sneha*

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