IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.10101 of 2026

Sandhya Rani Patel **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Bhakta Ranjan Barik

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –
D.K. Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
07.04.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.

3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

> "*It is therefore, prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to: -*
> *i) admit the writ petition.*
> *ii) call for the records;*
> *iii) issue Rule Nisi calling upon the Opp. Parties as to why the application dt.07.02.2025 submitted by the Petitioner under Annexure-5 shall not be consider for appointment under Rule-3 of the O.C.S (Rehabilitation Assistance) Rules, 1990 with*

amended Rules and shall not be given appointment within a specified time;

iv) *if the Opp. Parties do not show cause or show insufficient cause issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ/writs, order/orders, direction/directions in directing the Opp. Parties to consider the application dt.07.02.2025 submitted by the Petitioner under Annexure-5 for appointment under Rule-3 of the O.C.S (Rehabilitation Assistance) Rules, 1990 and to give appointment to the Petitioner within a time to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court.*"

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset submitted that although there is a provision that whereby the sister of the deceased government employee can very well be appointed on compassionate ground under the OCS (RA) Rules, 1990, however, ignoring such provision the Opposite Parties are sitting over the matter. Challenging such inaction the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, in course of his argument drawing attention of this Court to the representation at Annexure-7, submitted before this Court that the Petitioner has approached the DEO, Sundargarh, Opposite Party No.4 for redressal of his grievance by filing a representation dated 24.11.2025, however, no final decision has been taken on such representation of the Petitioner. Being aggrieved by such inaction, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

6. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand contended that although he has no specific instruction in the matter, however, in the event any such representation is pending before the Opposite

Party No.4 for consideration he will have no objection if this court directs the Opposite Party No.4 to consider the grievance of the Petitioner strictly in accordance with the provisions of the rules and to dispose of the representation in a time bound manner.

7. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the parties, on a careful examination of the background facts, further taking note of the limited nature of the grievance involved in the present writ application, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ application at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite Party No.4 to consider and dispose of the representation of the Petitioner dated 24.11.2025 at Annexure-7 within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of a certified copy of this order by the Petitioner. The final decision so taken by the Opposite Party No.4 be also communicated to the Petitioner within ten days from the date of taking such a decision.

8. With the aforesaid observations/ directions, the writ application stands disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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