IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 23603 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010540212026

Kishore Kumar Majhi ..…... ***Petitioner (s)***

Mr. Sashi Bhusan Jena, Adv.

-Versus-

Registrar (Administration),
High Court of Orissa & Anr. .. ….. ***Opposite Party (s)***

Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash, ASC

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

ORDER
29.10.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. In the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner seeks a direction from this Court to the Opposite Parties, more particularly the Opposite Party No.1/Registrar (Administration), High Court of Orissa to dispose of the statutory appeal dated 31.07.2025 preferred by him against the orders dated 02.07.2025 and 08.07.2025 passed by the learned District Judge, Sambalpur.

3. Heard.

4. The brief facts of the case are that the Petitioner initially joined in Government service as a Junior Clerk on 18.07.1997. Subsequently, he was promoted to the post of Bench Clerk,

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Grade-II, with notional effect from the year 2014, as evident from the minutes of the meeting of the Appeal Committee for Subordinate Courts held on 25.08.2022. Thereafter, the Petitioner was further promoted and is presently serving as a Grade-I Bench Clerk in the establishment of the District Judiciary.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that owing to family problems and while he suffered from depression and anxiety, the Petitioner submitted an application dated 09.04.2025 before the learned District Judge, Sambalpur seeking voluntary retirement from service. He further submits that during the subsistence of the statutory notice period, the learned District Judge, Sambalpur vide order dated 02.07.2025, accepted the Petitioner's application for voluntary retirement under Rule 42 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992, with effect from 09.07.2025. The said order was communicated to the Petitioner vide Memo No.3568(4) dated 02.07.2025.

6. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contends that the Petitioner had submitted an application dated 04.07.2025 before the learned District Judge, Sambalpur before expiry of the notice period of three months, seeking withdrawal of his application for voluntary retirement. However, the learned District Judge, Sambalpur rejected the said application vide order dated 08.07.2025.

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7. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submits that, challenging the orders dated 02.07.2025 and 08.07.2025 passed by the learned District Judge, Sambalpur, the Petitioner has preferred an appeal dated 31.07.2025 before the Appeal Committee of the Orissa High Court, Cuttack, which is still pending for consideration.

8. In view of the above facts and submissions, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the Registrar (Administration), High Court of Orissa, Cuttack to place the matter before the Appeal Committee at the earliest. The Appeal Committee shall thereafter consider and dispose of the appeal dated 31.07.2025 preferred by the Petitioner within a period of three months from today.

9. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge

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