IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.30111 of 2026
(CNR No. ODHC010714932026)

Sarat Kumar Nayak …. **Petitioner**

Ms. K. Banerjee, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & others …. **Opposite Parties**

Mr. S.B. Panda, AGA

And

W.P.(C) No.30116 of 2026
(CNR No. ODHC010715022026)

Niladri Bihari Mohapatra …. **Petitioner**

Ms. K. Banerjee, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & others …. **Opposite Parties**

Mr. S.B. Panda, AGA

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MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
25.11.2026

Order No.

04. 1. Both the writ petitions are taken up together for orders.

2. Heard Ms. Banerjee, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Panda, learned AGA for the State.

3. Instant writ petitions are filed by the petitioners for a direction to the opposite parties to promote them to the post of Senior Teacher Educator with effect from the date when others have been promoted and also in releasing their consequential

service benefits with interest at the rate of 12% per annum till the actual payment on the grounds stated.

4. This Court by order dated 4th November, 2026 had directed the State to take instructions. No instruction has been received, as informed by Mr. Panda, learned AGA.

5. Recorded the submission of Ms. Banerjee, learned counsel for the petitioners on the plea of the petitioners demanding promotion referring to Annexure-3, the notification of Government of Odisha in School and Mass Education Department dated 17th July, 2026, this Court finds that the petitioners have approached opposite party No.1 in the meantime with representations at Annexure-4. In view of the above, without awaiting the State's reply, this Court is of the view that such a request of the petitioners as per Annexure-4 is required to be considered with a decision by opposite party No.1 within a stipulated period, hence, the matter is disposed of with the following order.

6. The petitioners received appointment vide Annexure-1 series as contractual teachers by office order dated 18th June, 2015. A copy of the final gradation list dated 17th October, 2024 and updated one is at Annexure-2 series. The claim of the petitioners is that their juniors have been promoted and they have been singled out and discriminated for no apparent reason. Since the petitioners with such plea pleading for promotion as per Annexure-3 approaching opposite party No.1 with the representations at Annexure-4, this Court, with the response of

the State noted down, is inclined to direct the said Authority to deal with the same and to take a decision thereon at the earliest preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

7. Hence, it is directed.

8. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid for compliance by opposite party No.1 on Annexure-4 within the above stipulated period without default, if necessary, after providing a personal hearing to the petitioners and also the private opposite parties who are likely to be affected thereby.

9. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules and in course of the day.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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