IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.31818 of 2026

CNR No.ODHC010731042026

Pradyumna Kumar Baral .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Salyadu Anil Kumar Dora, Advocate

-versus-

Union of India and others .... ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Mahendra Kumar Pradhan,
Sr. Panel Counsel (for O.P. No.1)
Ms. Bijaya Laxmi Tripathy, ASC
(for O.P. Nos.2, 3 & 4)

CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

30.10.2026

(*Hybrid Mode*)

Order No.

01. **1**. Mr. M.K. Pradhan, learned Senior Panel Counsel entered appearance on behalf of the Union of India by filing Memo of Appearance, which is on record.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the 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:

> *"The petitioner therefore most humbly prays that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:*

a. Issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ/order/direction directing the competent Opposite Parties to complete the processing and take a final decision on the petitioner's PMFME application bearing Application ID 12135026164880 6 within a stipulated period, preferably within four weeks from the date of communication/production of the order of this Hon'ble Court;

b. Direct the concerned lending Bank i.e. 0pp. Party No.6, Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Chandol Branch, upon sanction of the eligible loan and completion of applicable banking formalities, to disburse the sanctioned term-loan amount, of Rs.7,30,000/-, within a further stipulated period in accordance with the PMFME Guidelines and normal banking practice;

c. Direct the concerned authorities i.e. 0pp. Party No.3 to adhere to Para 13.6 and Para 13.7 of the PMFME Guidelines, particularly the requirements of regular forwarding of applications and minimisation of processing time;

d. Pass such other order(s)/direction(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contends that the Petitioner, being aggrieved by the conduct of the Opposite Party No.6 in not extending the benefit under the PMFME Scheme floated by the Government of India, has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contends that under the aforesaid scheme/guideline at Annexure-4, the Petitioner is entitled to get loan benefits from Bank subject to fulfillment of the conditions mentioned under such scheme. Learned counsel further submits that though the Petitioner has approached the Opposite Party No.6-Bank, no decision has been taken with regard to the claim of benefits by the Petitioner under the aforesaid scheme. Being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Party No.6, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

5. Learned counsels appearing for the Opposite Parties, Union of India and State Government on the other hand contend that there is nothing on record to establish the fact that the Petitioner has approached the Bank under the scheme. It is also contended that there is nothing on record to indicate that such prayer has been rejected. Learned counsels appearing for the Opposite Parties submit that the writ petition being premature is liable to be dismissed on the ground that the same is premature as well as not being maintainable.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, on a careful analysis of their submission and on a scrutiny of the document annexed to the writ petition,

this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ petition at the stage of admission by granting liberty to the Petitioner to approach the Opposite Party No.6-Bank by filing a detailed representation under the guidelines at Annexure-4 within two weeks from today. In the event any such application is filed, the same shall be considered strictly in terms of the guidelines at Annexure-4 and a final decision shall be taken within a period of eight weeks from the date the Petitioner approaches the Opposite Party No.6 along with a certified copy of this order. The final decision so taken be communicated to the Petitioner within a week thereafter.

7. It is observed that this Court has not expressed any opinion regarding merits of the case of the petitioner or any of the parties to the writ petition.

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

Urgent certified copy of this order be issued as per Rules.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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