IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P. (C) No. 31815 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010753082026

Pragatiprava Mahapatro …. **Petitioner**
Mr. L.Samal, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others …. **Opposite Parties**
Mr. C.M.Singh, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
27.10.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. Samal, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Singh, learned counsel for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner challenging the impugned orders as at Annexures-2 to 4 on the grounds stated.

3. Mr. Samal, learned counsel refers to Annexure-1 and submits that the petitioner was engaged as a Guest teacher and to continue till a regular/contractual teacher was appointed/engaged against the vacant post or any teacher joined on transfer. The submission is that the petitioner has been disengaged and it has been followed by a walk-in interview once again to appoint a Guest teacher vide Annexure-3. Recorded the submission of Mr. Singh, learned counsel for the State and it is contended that such disengagement as per

Annexure-2 is according to the terms of the service conditions revealed from Annexure-1.

4. In course of hearing, Mr. Samal, learned counsel submits that the petitioner should be granted the liberty to approach opposite party No.3 with a detailed representation and request for her engagement against any vacant posts for a decision. In response to the above, Mr. Singh, learned counsel for the State refers to the terms and conditions of Annexure-3 to claim that a Guest teacher earlier engaged not to have a choice for the previous School during counselling as per Clause-3(c) thereof. Nonetheless, the said condition is in respect of the walk-in interview to be held pursuant to Annexure-3 and not a bar against reappointment. Having regard to the above facts and since the petitioner is inclined to approach opposite party No.3 with a representation, this Court, without expressing anything on merits of the claim, is inclined to grant the liberty to her submit a representation for a decision in accordance with law and hence, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event any such representation is received from the petitioner by opposite party No.3 in the meantime, the same shall be entertained and disposed of at the earliest preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim of the

petitioner which to be independently examined by opposite party No.3 upon receiving the representation from her.

6. A certified copy of this order be issued as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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