IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.32402 of 2026
(CNR No. ODHC010756402026)

Ashok Kumar Sahu …. **Petitioner**

Mr. A.U. Senapati, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Mr. S. Behera, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. Senapati, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Behera, learned AGA for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner for a direction to the opposite parties to allow him to avail the leave benefits under the Orissa Education (Leave of Teachers and other Members of the Staff of Aided Educational Institutions) Rules, 1977, retiral and pensionary benefits under the Orissa Aided Educational Institutions' Employees Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981 with such other reliefs sought for.

3. Before commencement of hearing, Mr. Senapati, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case of the petitioner is identical to one disposed of in W.P.(C) No.14301 of 2026 (**Susanta Kumar Nanda Vrs. State of Odisha and others**) dated 18th May, 2026. A copy of the said order is submitted to the Court for perusal. State's response is noted

down. On a perusal of the order in W.P.(C) No.14301 of 2026, a direction has been given to consider the representation of the petitioner therein within a stipulated period in view of the Decision in W.P.(C) No.25604 of 2020 disposed of on 14th October, 2020 and by following the ratio in **Ritanjali Giri @ Paul Vrs. State of Odisha & others 2016 (I) ILR CUT-1162**. Mr. Senapati, learned counsel submits that the petitioner is similarly situated and, hence, liberty should be granted to him to move a representation to the Authority concerned for a decision in terms of the ratio in **Ritanjali Giri @ Paul** (supra). Having regard to the above facts and limited grievance of the petitioner with the response of the State recorded, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party No.2 to consider the same upon receiving a representation from him followed by an order within a stipulated period and hence, it is ordered.

4. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid for compliance by opposite party No.2 soon after receiving a copy of the order followed by a decision at the earliest preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication received keeping in view the observations made hereinabove only upon receiving the representation.

5. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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