IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.32554 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010777402026

Santosh Kumar Panda …. **Petitioner**
Mr. P. Patnaik, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others …. **Opposite Parties**
Mr. Surya Kanta Parhi, ASC
Mr. S. Behera, Advocate for O.P. No.6

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
29.10.2026

Order No.

03. 1. Heard Mr. Patnaik, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Parhi, learned ASC for the State and Mr. Behera, learned counsel for opposite party No.6.

2. Instant writ petition has been filed by the petitioner challenging the impugned order of deployment as at Annexure-8.

3. Mr. Behera, learned counsel for opposite party No.6 files the Vakalatnama today and the same is accepted and taken on record.

4. Mr. Patnaik, learned counsel would submit that the petitioner served in the KVK and his transfer to Khurdha was on a representation but it has been intervened by the order of the Government i.e. Annexure-8, hence, the challenge to the same. Mr. Behera, learned counsel for opposite party No.6 submits that she received transfer order as per Annexure-8 but unable to join at Khurdha in view of the interim order dated 6th

October, 2026 of this Court. The further submission is that the husband of opposite party No.6 expired on 2nd August, 2026, hence, she is in distress and therefore, on a request by a representation, the transfer order has been passed directing her to join at Khurdha. Recorded the submission of Mr. Parhi, learned ASC for the State, according to whom, the order of deployment is justified.

5. Referring to the guidelines issued by Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority at Annexure-9 and submission of Mr. Patnaik, learned counsel is that the transfer of the petitioner in a short time of one and half months is unjustified but having regard to the fact that for the death of husband of opposite party No.6, the order of deployment has been passed though with the shifting of the petitioner to Nayagarh after having served for only one and half months at Khurdha. Mr. Parhi, learned ASC informs the Court that the deployment order should be given effect to as opposite party No.6 is under distress. Considering the facts pleaded on record and since the transfer of the petitioner has been directed barely after one and half months of his posting at Khurdha and he was earlier in the KVK and it was on his representation, such deployment was considered as per Annexure-8, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party No.2 to take a decision to accommodate him in any other vacant post at Khurdha, if available. In other words, this Court is not inclined to intervene in the order deployment i.e. Annexure-8 in view of the submission of Mr. Parhi, learned

ASC for the State and also Mr. Behera, learned counsel and for opposite party No.6 being under distress after her personal loss.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the directions as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event any such representation is received from the petitioner to accommodate him against any vacant post at Khurdha, it shall be duly considered by opposite party No.2 followed by a decision preferably within a period of fifteen days from the date of such request is received.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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