IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 32273 of 2023

Manoj Kumar Mohanty .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Behera, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. P.K. Panda, ASC

CORAM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY
ORDER
10.04.2026

Order No.

12. **1.** This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.

3. The present Writ Petitioner has been filed *inter alia* challenging the rejection of the order dtd.15.10.2022 and the Resolution issued by the Finance Department on 26.03.2015 under Annexure-3, wherein claim of the Petitioner to get the benefit of unutilized leave salary has been rejected.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that the issue in question has already been decided by this Court in its judgment dtd.13.03.2026 in W.P.(C) Nos.31060 of 2025 & batch.

4.1. Placing reliance on the aforesaid judgment, it is contended that the ground on which Petitioner's claim has been rejected is no more sustainable and Petitioner is entitled to get the benefit of unutilized leave salary with quashing of the impugned order dtd.15.10.2022 so issued under Annexure-1.

5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State also does not dispute the case decided in W.P.(C) Nos.31060 of 2025 & batch.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties, considering the submissions made and placing reliance on the judgment passed by this Court on 13.03.2026 in W.P.(C) Nos.31060 of 2025 & batch, this Court is of the view that the rejection of the Petitioner's claim is no more sustainable in the eye of law.

6.1. Therefore, this Court while quashing the order dtd.15.10.2022 so passed by Opposite Party No.1 under Annexure-1, directs for release the unutilized leave salary as due and admissible in favour of the Petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

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(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge