IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.33327 of 2026
(CNR No.ODHC010790732026)

Kajalbala Mahana …. **Petitioner**

Mr. B.S. Tripathy, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Mr. S. Behera, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
27.10.2026

Order No.

1. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.

2. By means of this application, the petitioner seeks following relief:

> "The petitioner, therefore, most respectfully prays that your Lordship may graciously be pleased to admit this writ application and issue rule nisi to the OPs to show cause as to why they shall not be directed to consider the case of the petitioner for her engagement as Gana Sikshyak like other similarly situated non-formal instructor namely, Sulochana Nayak within a stipulated period;
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> And on their failing to show cause or showing insufficient cause, the said rule be made absolute by issuing appropriate writ(s);
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> And pass such further order/ orders as may be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case;"

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a similar issue was considered by this Court in W.P.(C) No.6832 of 2021, wherein opposite party No.1 was directed to decide the claim. Upon rejection, the said petitioner, Adilaxmi Achary, again approached this Court in W.P.(C)

No. 37940 of 2021, and by order dated 04.04.2024, this Court quashed the rejection an directed a fresh decision in the light of benefits extended to similarly situated persons.

4. In view of the aforesaid background and considering the limited nature of the grievance of the present petitioner, this Court is inclined to dispose of the writ petition at the stage of admission.

5. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the opposite party No.1 to consider the case of the present petitioner for engagement as Gana Sikshyak in the light of the order dated 04.04.2024 passed in W.P.(C) No.37940 of 2021 and the benefit extended to similarly situated persons, including Sulochana Nayak.

6. Such exercise shall be completed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order in accordance with law and shall communicate the result thereof to the petitioner within a period of two weeks thereafter.

7. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

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(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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