IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No. 33690 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010792572026

Narayan Das	***.....***	***Petitioner***
		Mr. M.K. Khuntia, Advocate
	-versus-	
State of Odisha & Ors.	***.....***	***Opposite Parties***
		Mr. A. Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY
ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No. 01

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties.

3. Petitioner has filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

> *"It is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the case,*
> *call for the records and after hearing both the parties pass the following reliefs*
>
> *i) To declare the action of opposite Party No.-1 in considering the case of reserved candidates for promotion against unreserved post of Additional Chief Engineer as illegal and arbitrary being in violation of Principle laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of Jarnail Singh and others vrs. Lachhmi Narayan Gupta and others reported in 2022(10) SCC 595.*
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> *ii) To direct the Opposite Party No.- 1 not to promote any reserved category candidate to the post of Additional Chief Engineer against unreserved post as per the law laid*

down by this hon'ble court in the case of Hiranyamayee Nayak and others vrs. State of Odisha.

iii) To direct the Opposite Party No.- 1 to consider the case of petitioner for promotion to the rank of Additional Chief Engineer against unreserved vacancy.

And pass such other order/orders as may be deemed fit and proper for the interest of justice.

And for this act of kindness, the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that though highlighting his grievances, Petitioner has filed a representation at Annexure-7 to the Writ Petition before the Opp. Party No. 1, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, learned counsel for the Petitioner prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No. 1 to take a decision on the above noted Petition within a specific time period.

5. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No. 1 to take a decision on the above noted petition in accordance with law, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioner.

6. However, since it is contended that Petitioner's claim is covered by an order passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No. 7674 of 2025 and batch, relevancy and effect of the said order be taken into consideration while considering the Petitioner's claim.

7. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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