IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No. 34550 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010804872026

Lalatendu Pal	***.....***	***Petitioner***
		Mr. L. Samal, Advocate
	-versus-	
State of Odisha & Ors.	***.....***	***Opposite Parties***
		Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY
ORDER
29.10.2026

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 prayed that your lordships' would be graciously pleased to admit the writ petition and after hearing the counsels from both the sides issue Writ Writs in the nature of Mandamus with a direction to the Opp. Party No-3 for release of unutilized leave salary for 300 days in favour of the petitioner within a fortnight as the petitioner was retired from Govt. service w.e.f. 31.01.2026 and similar benefits have already been extended by this Hon'ble High Court in W.P.(C) No.31060, 35144 & 36169 of 2025 in the case of Kalpataru Sethi and others Vrs. State of Odisha and others;*
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> *AND/OR pass such other order/ orders deemed fit and proper;*
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> *And for this act of your Lordship's kindness the petitioner as in justice duty bound shall ever pray."*

4. It is contended that in view of the judgment delivered by this Court on 13.03.2026 in W.P.(C) No.31060 of 2025 & batch, Petitioner is eligible and entitled to get the benefit of unutilized leave salary.

4.1. It is accordingly contended that Opposite Party No.1 be directed to release the unutilized leave salary within a reasonable time, as Petitioner has retired since 31.01.2026.

5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State does not dispute the decision rendered by this Court in W.P.(C) No.31060 of 2025 and batch.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the Parties and considering the submissions made, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition directs Opposite Party No.3 to release the unutilized leave salary as due and admissible in favour of the Petitioner, if the same has not yet been released, within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Petitioner is permitted to provide a copy of this order along with the judgment passed in W.P.(C) No.31060 of 2025 & batch before Opposite Party No.3 for compliance

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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