IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.34431 of 2026
ODHC010811472026

Bishnu Pradhan .... **Petitioner**
Ms. S. Mohanty, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others .... **Opp. Parties**
Mr. A. Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER
27.10.2026

Order No

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

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

3. The present Writ Petition has been filed *inter alia* with the following prayer: -

> *"In the above circumstances, the petitioner most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the writ petition, issue notice to the Opp. Parties to show cause as to why the petitioner shall not be given notional promotion retrospectively from the date of his juniors were promoted i.e. since 17.01.2023 by fixing his seniority from that date and why all the service benefits shall not be extended to him notionally from that date so that his future promotion shall not be affected and if the Opp. Parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause, the Hon'ble Court, upon hearing the parties may further be pleased to allow this writ petition by directing the Opp. Parties to give notional*

promotion to the petitioner retrospectively from 17.01.2023 by fixing his seniority from that date and extend him all the service benefits notionally from that date so that his future promotion shall not be affected, by issuing a writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice.

And may kindly pass such other order/orders/direction/directions in giving complete relief to the Petitioner."

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that through highlighting his grievances, the petitioner has filed a representation vide Annexure-12 to the Writ Petition, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, he prays that a direction be issued to the Opposite Party No.2 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 the Opposite Party No.2 to take a decision on the above noted representation in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the petitioner.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

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