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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No. 34551 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010812742026

Lopamudra Mahanta .... **Petitioner**

Mr. Jyotirmay Gupta, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others .... **Opposite Parties**

Mrs. Siva Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
09.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mrs. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State.

2. Instant writ petition has been filed by the petitioner for a direction to the opposite parties, in particular, opposite party No.4 to issue an appointment order against any vacancy befitting her qualification under the Odisha Civil Service (Rehabilitation Assistance) Rules, 1990 and Government's Notification dated 4th April, 2025 of G.A. & P.G. Department within a stipulated period.

3. Mr. Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the daughter of deceased employee, who applied for a rehabilitation appointment, as per the Rules, 1990 and subsequent thereto, upon a grievance received and intimated to opposite party No.4, it was followed by an order at Annexure-8. The submission of Mr. Gupta, learned counsel is that is that even after a direction for considering the

rehabilitation appointment of the petitioner with necessary steps taken towards issuance of the Distress Certificate by the Collector in view of Annexure-8, no progress has been achieved, hence, a necessary direction may perhaps be issued in that regard.

4. Recorded the submission of Mrs. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State.

5. A copy of the letter of the Government in the G.A. & P.G. Department addressed to all the Heads of Departments and Collectors of the State with clarification on the Odisha Civil Services (Rehabilitation Assistance) Amendment Rules, 2025, is at Annexure-9. The plea of the petitioner is that she is entitled to such an appointment in terms of the Rules and the clarification issued by the Government at Annexure-9. Considering the facts pleaded on record, the plea for appointment under the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme and in view of the office order dated 28th April, 2026 at Annexure-8, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party No.4 to ensure that the exercise in that regard is concluded at the earliest subsequent to the order dated 28th April, 2026 i.e. Annexure-8, upon receiving a Distress Certificate from the Collector and if the petitioner fulfils the criteria fixed, to issue the appointment order within a reasonable period.

6. Accordingly, it is directed. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid for

compliance by opposite party No. 4 upon receipt of a certified copy of this order.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Madhu