IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.34386 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010812922026

Kumar Ranjan Das & Others .... ***Petitioners***

Mr. A . Mishra, Adv.

-versus-

Employees Provident Fund Organization, New Delhi & Others .... ***Opposite Parties***

Dr. P.P. Behera, ASC

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

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No.

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

2. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners contended that the Writ Petition be confined to Petitioner No.2 only and liberty be given to file separate Writ Petitions in respect of other Petitioners. Such prayer is allowed.

3. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

4. The present Writ Petition has been filed inter alia with the following prayer:

> It is, therefore, prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to admit this writ Petition and issue notice to the Opp. Parties requiring them to show cause as to why the writ petition shall not be allowed and if the Opp. Parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause, may be pleased to allow the writ petition by directing the Opp. Party Nos.2 & 3 to allow higher pension to the Petitioners and direct release of arrear benefits immediately;

And this Hon'ble Curt may be pleased to pass any other order or orders as may be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case;

And for such act of kindness, the Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

5. However, taking into account the claim raised in the present Writ Petition, liberty is granted to Petitioner No.2 to make a fresh representation before Opp. Party No.3 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of his claim, if any, within a period of three (3) weeks hence.

6. It is observed that if any such representation is moved within the aforesaid time period, Opp. Party No.3 shall do well to take a lawful decision on the same within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of such representation. The order so passed by Opp. Party No. 3 be communicated to the Petitioner.

7. Since it is contended that Petitioner's case is covered by an order passed by the Apex Court in the case of ***The Employees Provident Fund Organisation & Another etc. Vs. Sunil Kumar B. & Others, Etc., reported in 2022 LiveLaw (SC) 912***, relevancy and effect of the said order be taken into consideration, if it is applicable to the Petitioner's claim. Petitioner is directed to provide a copy of this order along with the aforesaid citation before Opp. Party No.3 for compliance.

8. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

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