IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.36026 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010836022026

Reetarani Hansdah .... ***Petitioner***
Ms. D. Behuray, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. .... ***Opposite Parties***
Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA

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

ORDER
04.11.2026

Order No

01. **1.** This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for Petitioner and learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties.

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

> *"In the facts and circumstances stated above, it is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to*
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> *(i) Issue a Rule Nisi calling upon the Opposite Parties to show cause as to why the inclusion of Opposite Party No. 5 in the eligible list for engagement as Anganwadi Worker in respect of Bangdihi Anganwadi Centre should not be set aside or reconsidered in accordance with the applicable guidelines, upon verification of her residential eligibility;*
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> *(ii) Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing Opposite Parties Nos. 2 to 4 to verify the residential certificate and actual residence of Opposite Party No. 5 vis-à-vis the notified service area of the Centre, after*

considering the Petitioner's objection dated 06.10.2026 and the relevant records, and to pass a reasoned order within a time stipulated by this Hon'ble Court;

(iii) Direct the competent authority, if the objection is substantiated and Opposite Party No. 5 is found ineligible under the applicable guidelines, to exclude her candidature from consideration and proceed with the selection in accordance with law;

And Issue such further order or direction as may be deemed fit and proper in the interests of justice.

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

4. It is contended that even though Petitioner raised an objection to the list published vide notice dated 01.10.2026, but the same is yet to be considered and disposed of by Opp. Party No.4.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the Parties and considering the submission made, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition directs Opp. Party No.4 to do the needful within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of this order with due communication to the Petitioner.

6. If no decision has been taken with regard to engagement of the AW worker in the Centre in question, the same shall not be made for a period of two (2) weeks.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

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