IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No. 36635 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010852422026

Pramod kumar Pradhan ***.....*** ***Petitioner***

Mr. B.B. Dash, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. ***.....*** ***Opposite Parties***

Dr. P.P. Behera, ASC

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY
ORDER
11.11.2026

Order No. 01

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.

3. Petitioner has filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

> *"It is therefore prayed under the facts and circumstance of the case narrated above, your Lordship would be graciously pleased to admit this writ petition.*
>
> *AND*
>
> *Pleased to issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ/direction commanding the Opposite Parties to treat the Petitioner, postedas Pharmacist, as covered under the Odisha Civil Services*
>
> *(Pension) Rules, 1992 (Old Pension Scheme) instead of the New Contributory Pension Scheme (NPS/PRAN) for the ends of Justice;*
>
> *AND*
>
> *Further be pleased to direct the Opposite Party No. 1,2, 4 & 5 to grant fixation of service/seniority to the Petitioner retired as Pharmacist, against the recruitment year 1993 with effect from 30.11.1993, for the purpose of*

pension and consequential retirement benefits upon the superannuation of the petitioner on dt.30.06.2026, for the ends of Justice;;

AND

Further be pleased to direct the Opposite parties specifically to Party No. 3to shift/convert the pensionary subscription of the Petitioner from PRAN/NPS to the General Provident Fund (GPF) under the Old Pension Rulesfor the ends of Justice;

AND

Further be pleased to issue writ(s), direction(s), order(s) as your lordships deem fit and proper for the ends of justice.

AND

For this Act of kindness the petitioner shall as in duty bound ever pray."

4. However, taking into account the claim raised in the present Writ Petition, liberty is granted to the Petitioner to make a fresh representation before Opp. Party No.1 by enclosing all the relevant documents and citations in support of his claim, if any, within a period of three (3) weeks hence.

5. It is observed that if such representation is filed within the aforesaid time period, Opp. Party No.1 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. 1 be communicated to the Petitioner.

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

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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