IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.38045 of 2026
ODHC010860942026

Pratik Kumar Gouda .... **Petitioner**
Mr. S.K. Routray, Adv.
on behalf of Mr. S.K. Panda, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others .... **Opp. Parties**
Mr. C.K. Pradhan, AGA

CORAM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER
25.11.2026

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: -

> *"It is, therefore, most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the present writ petition and issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, particularly in the nature of Mandamus, directing the Opposite Party No. 2 to consider and dispose of the representation dated 11.08.2026 submitted by the Petitioner, seeking allotment of Sambalpur District in place of Balangir District for his posting as Junior Engineer (Civil) under the Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department, Government of Odisha, by taking into consideration the Petitioner's recorded district preference, merit particulars, applicable counselling procedure, availability of vacancies, relevant departmental rules and guidelines, and the*

humanitarian grounds stated therein, and to pass a reasoned and speaking order in accordance with law within such time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court; and further be pleased to direct the Opposite Parties to consider the feasibility of allotting Sambalpur District to the Petitioner, subject to the applicable rules, eligibility conditions, merit position and availability of vacancies, while taking a final decision on the aforesaid representation; and pass such other writ(s), order(s) or direction(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity."

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that through highlighting his grievances, the petitioner has filed a representation vide Annexure-3 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 three months 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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