IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.36685 of 2026
(CNR No. ODHC010866292026)

Managing Committee of Ratikanta Memorial Girl's High School, Sahadevkhunta, Balasore .... **Petitioner**

Mr. D.K. Mohapatra, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Mr. J.K. Bal, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
09.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. Mohapatra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Bal, learned AGA for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner for a direction to the opposite parties to notify the institution under GIA order, 1994 and to approve the appointment of its staff under the said Order w.e.f. 1st June, 1994 in place of GIA Order, 2004/2007 and release all consequential service benefits in terms of the judgment in FAO No.281 of 2018 (**State of Odisha and others Vrs. Sadhana Pradhan and others**) dated 23rd June, 2025 confirmed in SLP(C) Diary No.44275 of 2026 disposed of on 5th October, 2026.

3. Mr. Mohapatra, learned counsel cites an order in FAO No.322 of 2018 dated 23rd September, 2026 with the submission that in an identical case referring to the decision in

Sadhana Pradhan (supra) upheld in SLP (C) No.22762 of 2026 direction has been issued therein to the State to extend the benefits under the GIA Order, 1994. A copy of the decision in **Sadhana Pradhan** (supra) is produced at the time of hearing for the Court's perusal. Referring to Annexure-3 series, it is submitted that by the notification dated 22nd September, 2007, the grant-in-aid has been extended to 100 Girls' High Schools under the Orissa Education (Payment of Grant-in-aid to High School, Upper Primary Schools, etc.) Order, 2004. Mr. Mohapatra, learned counsel further submits that the petitioner Institution is at Sl. No.9, whereas, the one, namely, Jayadev Girls' School, Barahipur in the district of Cuttack in **Sadhana Pradhan** case is at Sl. No.36 of the same. The submission is that similar benefits should be extended to the petitioner Institution in view of the decision in **Sadhana Pradhan** (supra).

4. Recorded the submission of Mr. Bal, learned AGA for the State.

5. For the dismissal of SLP (C) Diary No.44275 of 2026 confirming the order in **Sadhana Pradhan** (supra) arising out of FAO No.281 of 2018 and since the benefits sought to be extended in view of the fact that the petitioner is similarly situated and its name finds place in the notification of the Government in School and Mass Education Department dated 22nd September, 2007, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party No.1 to consider extension of GIA benefits under the GIA Order, 1994 soon after receiving a copy of this order.

6. Accordingly, it is directed.

7. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid for compliance by opposite party No.1 upon receiving a copy of the order followed by a decision preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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