IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No. 37288 of 2026
CNR No.ODHC010874202026

P. Hemant Rao ***.....*** ***Petitioner***

Mr. G.R. Sethi, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. A. Tripathy, AGA

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 humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the case, call for the records and after hearing both the parties pass the following reliefs*
>
> *To direct the Opposite Parties to allow the petitioner to participate in long i) jump and if he qualifies in long jump then appoint the petitioner as constable under SEBC category in Gajapati district.*
>
> *ii) To direct the Opposite Parties to accept the candidature of the petitioner as constable in Gajapati district as valid.*
>
> *To direct the Opposite Parties to grant all financial and consequential benefits flowing from the date of appointment.*
>
> *And pass such other order/orders as may be deemed fit and proper for the interest of justice.*

And for this act of kindness, the petitioner as in duty bound shall 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.2 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.2 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. 2 be communicated to the Petitioner.

6. Since it is contended that Petitioner's claim is covered by the decision of the Apex Court in the case of ***Union of India and Others Vs. Miss Pritilata Nanda,*** reported in ***2010 (II) OLR SC 636***, relevancy and effect of the said judgment be taken into consideration, if applicable.

7. Petitioner is directed to provide a copy of this order along with the judgment in the cause of ***Pritilata Nanda*** before Opp. Party No.2, for compliance.

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

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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