IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.37644 of 2026

(CNR No. ODHC010886062026)

Tapaswini Rout .... **Petitioner**

Mr. S.K. Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Mr. Subha Bikash Panda, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
11.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Panda, learned AGA for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner for a direction to the opposite parties to consider her promotion from post of Level-V(B) Graduate Teachers to Level-1V Headmistress in Government Upper Primary Schools having fulfilled the eligibility criteria and conditions prescribed under Odisha Elementary (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Teachers and Officers) Rules, 1997 and on such other grounds stated.

3. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel submits that the petitioner may be given conditional promotion to the post of Level-IV Headmistress in any Government Upper Primary School as she is already called for counselling considering the property statement/return received from her manually on 21st October, 2026 by opposite party No.3. The submission is that the

petitioner was called for counselling as revealed from Annexure-1, however, has not been issued with any promotion order despite a representation dated 31st October, 2026 i.e. Annexure-4.

4. Recorded the submission of Mr. Panda, learned AGA for the State and according to him, necessary verification is to be made before any such plea of the petitioner is accepted since there has been a claim of receipt of property statement/return manually.

5. Considering the submissions as above and in view of the property statement/return having been received from the petitioner revealed from Annexure-3 and that she was called upon to attend the counselling in view of Annexure-1 but the claim is that it has not been followed by a promotion order, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party Nos.3 and 4 to consider such grievance in view of the representation i.e. Annexure-4 and to take a decision with necessary verification made on the claims advanced and to pass appropriate order thereon preferably within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and accordingly, it is directed.

6. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid for compliance by opposite party Nos.3 and 4. It is further directed that soon after receiving a copy of this order, the Authority concerned shall deal with the representation of the petitioner at Annexure-4 and thereafter, to take a decision with regard to issuance of any such promotion

order to her for having called to attend the counselling upon receiving the property statement/return manually and till such time, one post shall be kept reserved under Block Education Officer, Bahanaga.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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