IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.1804 of 2026
(CNR No. ODHC010964652025)

Ashok Kumar Bhanja .... **Petitioner**

Mr. R. N. Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Mr. B.P. Nayak, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No.

07. 1. Heard Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Nayak, learned AGA for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner for a direction to opposite party Nos.1,2 and 4 to grant and disburse service and financial benefits in his favour on the grounds stated.

3. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner refers to the appointment letter dated 1st June, 2000 as at Annexure-2 and joining of the petitioner in the institution vide Annexure-3. The post was approved as per the Resolution dated 7th July, 2003 at Annexure-4 referred to by Mr. Mishra, learned counsel with the further submission that GIA Case No. 342 of 2009 was filed and disposed of in the year, 2011 with a direction to consider and to verify his eligibility for approval of appointment and release of Grant-in-Aid. The submission of Mr. Mishra, learned counsel is that it was followed by the decision of the Government as per Annexure-6 for inclusion of Laboratory Attendant in the yardstick prescribed under Grant-in-Aid order, 2014. The claim is that it was further followed by the recommendation of the

institution as per Annexure-7. Referring to Annexure-8, the submission is also that the Director of Higher Education, Odisha directed all the Higher Secondary Schools (list enclosed therein) to furnish the required information in the prescribed format including the institution at Sl. No.122 in the said list. The submission is that the petitioner had to once again knock the doors of this Court in W.P.(C) No.41075 of 2023, wherein, by order dated 24th January, 2024, a direction was issued to take a final decision on his claim with respect to release of Grant-in-Aid within a stipulated period. On the representation of the petitioner dated 5th February, 2024 as at Annexure-10, it was forwarded by a correspondence at Annexure-11 to the Institution by opposite party No.2 and at last, the decision of the Government vide Annexure-12 to release Block Grant in favour of the non-Government Aided Educational Institution under GIA Order 2024 arrived. The submission of Mr. Mishra, learned counsel is that the said decision needs implementation by opposite party Nos.1 and 2 and hence, necessary direction is required to be issued in that regard.

4. Mr. Nayak, learned AGA for the State, on the other hand, requests one more adjournment as a last chance to file a reply, however, considering the grievance of the petitioner and since in the meantime, the Government has taken a decision vide Annexure-12 to release Block Grant in favour of the non-Government Aided Educational Institution under GIA Order 2024, this Court is inclined to dispose of the matter by the following order.

5. Since, the Court's order at Annexure-9 was followed by a representation under Annexure-10 and thereafter the

Government has taken a decision to release the Block Grant upon receiving the relevant information necessary in compliance of Annexure-11, this Court is of the view that the petitioner is eligible to receive Block Grant in terms thereof and therefore, a direction to opposite party Nos.1 and 2 would suffice as such demand for inclusion of Laboratory Attendant has been included in respect of the institution revealed from Annexure-8.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with a direction to opposite party Nos.1 and 2 to forthwith implement the decision dated 29th January, 2025 at Annexure-12 and to ensure release of Block Grant in favour of the petitioner a Laboratory Attendant (Biology) soon after receiving a copy of this order. It is further directed that the direction hereinabove shall be complied with at the earliest preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication to the same by opposite party Nos.1 and 2.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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