

W.P.(C)NO. 9343 of 2016

27.05.2016 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Addl. Government Advocate

Petitioner in this writ petition challenges the order dated 11.5.2016 as well as the order dated 17.5.2016 passed by the Odisha Administrative Tribunal, Bhubaneswar in O.A. No. 874 of 2016 in not passing any interim order in favour of the petitioner.

The petitioner is working as Data Entry Operator on contractual basis in the Office of the Directorate of Settlement and Consolidation, Orissa Board of Revenue, Cuttack since 5.9.2012. While she was continuing as such opposite party No.1 issued the letter dated 27.4.2016 by extending the service of the petitioner till 31.5.2016. Since the term of the petitioner is going to be completed on 31.5.2016, the petitioner approached the Odisha Administrative Tribunal, Bhubaneswar in O.A. No. 874 of 2016. The Tribunal vide order dated 11.5.2016 though directed the learned Standing Counsel to take detail instructions from both the Revenue Department as well as the Finance Department, refused to grant any interim relief as the petitioner is continuing in service till 31.5.2016 and posted the matter to the next week. Thereafter the matter was taken up on 17.5.2016 wherein the Tribunal adjourned the matter to the first day of reopening week after summer vacation, but did not pass any interim order. Being aggrieved by the same the petitioner has approached this Court in the present writ petition.

It reveals from the record that the selection process has not yet been completed and the petitioner is continuing since 2012. Accordingly, we dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the Odisha Administrative Tribunal, Bhubaneswar to take up O.A. No. 874 of 2016 on the first day of the reopening week as has been fixed and dispose of the same as expeditiously as possible preferably by end of July, 2016. The service of the petitioner shall continue till disposal of the Original Application.

S. Panda,
Vacation Judge

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S.K.Sahoo,
Vacation Judge