



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WP(C) No. 23374 of 2025**

***Purusottam Ojha***

**.....**

***Petitioner***

Mr. S.C. Sahoo, Advocate

**-versus-**

***State of Odisha & Ors.***

**.....**

***Opposite Parties***

Mr. P.K. Panda, ASC

**CORAM:**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER**

**26.08.2025**

**Order No. 01**

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the Opp. Parties.
3. Petitioner has filed the present writ petition inter alia with the following prayer:-

*“Under the aforesaid facts and circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to,*

*1) Direct the opp. Parties to grant similar benefits of pay protection in terms of the Govt decision vide Office Memorandum No. 39057/R&DM, dated 18.11.2022 under Annexure-3 as has been given to similarly situated persons in the light of the principles decided in the case of Padmolochoan Kalia and Judhistir Raj v. State of Odisha & others, O.A. No. 2250(c)/2004 and 1766(c)/2003, decided vide order dt 29.8.2011, which has been affirmed by this Hon'ble court in W.P.(C) No. 22327/2013 and W.P.(C) No. 6895/2013 as well as in SLP No.2274/18 and fix his pay accordingly and release the accrued arrear in favour of the petitioner within a stipulated period;*



*Pass such other order (s) /direction(s) as would deem fit and proper in the bonafide interest of justice;*

*And for this act of kindness, the petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.”*

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that though highlighting his grievances, Petitioner has filed a representation at Annexure-4 to the Writ Petition before the Opp. Party No. 5, but till date nothing has been done in the matter. In such background, learned counsel for the Petitioner prays that a direction be issued to Opposite Party No. 5 to take a decision on the above noted Petition within a specific time period.

5. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs Opposite Party No. 5 to take a decision on the above noted petition in accordance with law, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of this order and communicate the result of such exercise to the Petitioner.

6. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

***(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)***  
***Judge***

*Sneha*