



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**WP(C) No.23154 of 2026**

***Managing Committee of Nandi  
Shantilata Upper Primary (M.E.)  
School, Arala, Balasore, represented .... Petitioners  
through its Headmaster-cum-Secretary,  
Biswanath Mohapatra and Another***

Mr. Sangram Jena, Advocate

-versus-

***State of Orissa, represented through its  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary, School .... Opposite Parties  
and Mass Education Department and  
Others***

Mr. G. Tripathy, AGA

**CORAM:**  
**SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY**

**ORDER**  
**28.7.2026**

**Order No.**

01. 1. Heard Mr. S. Jena, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. G. Tripathy, learned AGA for State-Opposite Parties.
2. It is submitted on behalf of the Petitioners, which is the Managing Committee and its employee, that their claim for extension of service benefits to its employees by treating it as an aided educational institution under the Grant-in-aid order 1994, is similar to the case of the Appellant in FAO No.509 of 2014, which has been disposed of by a Co-ordinate Bench on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
3. It is further prayed on behalf of the Petitioners that their representation under Annexure-5 may be considered by the appropriate authority.



4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission, without expressing any opinion on the merits of contentions of the petitioners, with a direction to the Director of Elementary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar (Opposite Party No.2) to consider the grievance of the Petitioners as per their representation at Annexure-5, in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order along with a copy of the writ petition.

5. An urgent certified copy of this order shall be issued on proper application.

**( B.P. Routray )**  
**Judge**

M.K.Panda