



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 14226 of 2026

Biswajit Khuntia

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Petitioner

Mr. Salyadu Anil Kumar Dora, Advocate

-versus-

***1. Union of India, Represented through
the Principal Secretary, Ministry of
Micro Small and Medium Enterprises,
New Delhi***

***2. The Secretary of the Odisha State
Khadi and village industries Board is
the Odisha Khadi, Bhubaneswar***

3. The Collector, Cuttack

***4. The Zonal, Manager, Bank of
Baroda, Bhubaneswar***

***5. The Branch Manager, Bank of
Baroda, Salepur***

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Gopinath Sethi,
Senior Panel Counsel

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

28.07.2026

Order No.

(Through Hybrid Mode)

01. 1. This writ petition has been filed for issue of an appropriate direction to the Opposite Party No.5 for disbursing loan under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) within a stipulated period.
2. Mr. Salyadu Anil Kumar Dora, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that he has submitted his application online on



28th April, 2026 along with supporting documents to Opposite Party No.2. His application has been forwarded to Opposite Party No.5, but till date no decision has been taken by Opposite Party No.5, even though 30 days have elapsed. He further submits that grievance of the Petitioner will be addressed if a direction is issued to the Opposite Party No.5 for consideration of his application. He draws attention of this Court to the revised guidelines of the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which has been annexed as part of Annexure-4 series. Clause 11.14 of the scheme is extracted below:-

“11.14 - The Banks will either sanction or reject the loan application within a stipulated period. Sanction will be issued online and copies of the sanction order will be sent to the applicant (by e-mail/hard copy) as well as to KVIC/KVIB/DIC/other IAs within 30 days from the receipt of application from the District Agencies. The sanction letter will also be automatically forwarded to the online EDP portal and concerned RSETI, or other authorized training centre, for conduction of EDP training in case where the applicant has not undergone the training. The prescribed EDP training is mandatory before releasing of loan by the Banks. In case of delay in sanctioning of loan by Banks, applicants can file complain on PMEGP grievance portal, which shall reach the concerned nodal officer within two working days. The nodal officers of the concerned Implementing agency shall take immediate necessary action to resolve the issue in consultation with the lead bank manager.”



3. In view of the submission of the learned counsel for the Petitioner and Clause 11.14 of the guidelines, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the Opposite Party No.5 - the Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, Salepur to consider the application of the Petitioner under Annexure-1, if the same has been received from the District Agency, in accordance with law within a period of five weeks from date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.
4. It is made clear that this Court has not considered the eligibility of the Petitioner to receive the loan.
5. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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