



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C)NO.17469 of 2026

Harekrushna Mallik

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Petitioner

Mr. K.K. Rout,Adv.

-versus-

Union of India and Others

....

Opposite Parties

*Mr. A. Mohanty,
Adv.*

COROM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

12.06.2026

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Order No

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.

2. Mr. A. Mohanty, learned counsel entered appearance on behalf of Opp. Party-Bank by filing Vakalanama in Court. The same be kept on record.

3. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

4. The present Writ Petition has been filed inter alia with the following prayer:

*Under the circumstances stated above, the
Petitioner therefore prays that the Hon'ble Court
be pleased to:*

i. Admit the writ application;



ii. Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus declaring the Transfer Order bearing Ref. No. HRD/TRF/241(16)/2026-27 dated 20.05.2026 issued by the General Manager, HRM Department, Odisha Grameen Bank i.e. Opposite Party No. 4, transferring the Petitioner from Deulia Branch in Mayurbhanj district to Sambalpur Region arbitrary, unlawful, unreasonable, violative of the principles of natural justice and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India:

Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus quashing the Transfer Order bearing Ref. No. HRD/TRF/241(16)/2026-27 dated 20.05.2026 issued by the General Manager, HRM Department, Odisha Grameen Bank ie. Opposite Party No. 4, transferring the Petitioner from Deulia Branch in Mayurbhanj district to Sambalpur Region,

iv. Issue a writ of mandamus directing the Opposite Parties to transfer the Petitioner to any suitable branch of the Odisha Grameen Bank under the Balasore Regional Office, i.e. the Home region of the Petitioner; And the Hon'ble Court may pass any other appropriate order/orders as it deems fit and proper;

And the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

5. It is contended that vide the impugned order dt.20.05.2026, Petitioner has been put under transfer to Sambalpur region from his present place of posting at Baripada. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner contended that such an order of transfer has been passed contrary to the transfer policy available under Annexure-3.

5.1. It is also contended that Petitioner in the meantime though has made an application seeking re-consideration of



the transfer order under Annexure-5 series dt.24.05.2026, but no decision has been taken as yet . However, it is fairly contended that Petitioner in the meantime has already been relieved from Baripada Branch for his joining in the Sambalpur region. It is accordingly contended that Opp. Party No.4 be directed to take a decision on the grievance made by the Petitioner on 24.05.2026, so available under Annexure-5 series and till such consideration, Petitioner be protected.

6. Learned counsel appearing for Opp. Party-Bank on the other hand contended that Petitioner has been put under transfer after continuing at Baripada and in nearby places for around 34 years. Not only that, Petitioner has already continued for more than 25 years in his home district. It is accordingly contended that no illegality or irregularity can be found with the impugned order of transfer.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the submission made and the fact that Petitioner has already been relieved from his present place posting, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition directs Opp. Party No.4 to take a lawful decision on the representation made by the Petitioner on 24.05.2026 under Annexure-5 series, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Petitioner is directed to provide a copy of this order along with his grievance Petition dt.24.05.2026 before Opp. Party No.4 for compliance.



8. Till a decision is taken as directed, no coercive action be taken against the Petitioner.

9. The Writ Petition accordingly stands disposed of.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Vacation Judge

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