



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.33896 of 2026
CNR No.ODHC010808202026)

Swarna Prava Sahoo and others **Petitioner**
Mr. S. Jena, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & others **Opposite Parties**
Mr. C. M. Singh, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
16.10.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard Mr. Jena, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Singh, learned ASC for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioners for a direction to opposite party Nos.1 & 2, in particular, to approve/regularize their services against the respective posts in Sidheswar Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Gelapur in the district of Jagatsinghpur and to release the salary components in their favour @1/3rd w.e.f. 01.06.2006, 2/3rd w.e.f. 01.06.2008 and full salary cost w.e.f. 01.06.2010 under the 1989 Adhoc principles under Annexure-2 Series and further to grant all other consequential service and financial benefits as due and admissible to them as has been extended to similarly situated employees working in different Sanskrit institutions, by modifying the approval orders issued under Annexures-6 & 7 in so far as it relate to the petitioners are concerned, by taking into consideration the principle decided by the Apex Court in



State of U.P. and others Vrs. Arvind Ku. Srivastava (2015) 1 SCC 347 and **State of Karnataka & other Vrs. C. Lalitha (2006) 2 SCC 747** within a stipulated period.

3. Mr. Jena, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are entitled to the Grant-in-Aid under the 1989 Adhoc principle since their proposal was submitted prior to repealing of the same in the year 2009. Referring to the judgment in **Ratnakar Mohapatra** (supra) dated 19th March, 2025, Mr. Jena, learned counsel further submits that the decision in **State of Odisha and another Vrs. Anup Kumar Senapati and another (2019) 19 SCC 626** is held to be not a bar to extend such benefits to the employees/Institutions in terms of Grant-in-Aid Order, 1994 and the same has been upheld by the Apex Court. The submission of Mr. Jena, learned counsel is that on the basis of the decision in **Ratnakar Mohapatra** (supra), similar benefit has been extended to other similar placed employees.

4. Submission is that in absence of any bar held in **Ratnakar Mohapatra** (supra) and affirmed by the Apex Court even after the decision in **Anup Kumar Senapati** (supra) entertaining review and curative petitions thereafter, this Court, recording the submission of Mr. Singh, learned ASC for the State, is inclined to direct Opposite Party No.2 to consider the case of the petitioners disposing of the representation i.e. Annexure-8 keeping in view the settled position of law followed by a reasoned order at the earliest.



5. Accordingly, it is ordered.
6. Consequently, the writ petition stands disposed of with a direction to opposite party No.2 to take a decision on the representation i.e. Annexure-8 and to pass an order thereon preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order keeping in view the discussions made hereinabove with reference to the decision in **Ratnakar Mohapatra** (supra).
7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.
8. A copy of the order be handed over to Mr. Singh, learned ASC for the State for intimation and compliance.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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