IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.28680 of 2026
CNR No.ODHC010656922026

Jayanta Baral .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Manoja Kumar Khuntia, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others .... ***Opp. Parties***

Mr. Swayambhu Mishra, ASC

CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER
11.09.2026
(Hybrid Mode)

Order No.

01. **1.** Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. The petitioner before this Court was recruited as Sepoy (RS-641), worked under the Commandant, Odisha State Armed Police, 1st Battalion, Dhenkanal. While working as temporary Sepoy being appointed on 21.09.2025 upon verification of his character and antecedents, the authorities found that the petitioner-recruitee is involved in Dhenkanal Sadar P.S. Case No.397 dated 30.08.2022 U/Ss.147/148/341/323/ 294/506/149 of IPC.

The petitioner was discharged from service on the ground that he has concealed material information prior to his recruitment as required by law.

3. It is submitted that the petitioner has been acquitted from the charges by judgment dated 04.04.2026 after trial was completed by judgment of the learned SDJM, Dhenkanal in G.R. Case No.1120/2022 (T.R. No.1977/2026). It is submitted that the petitioner has made a representation to the Commandant, Odisha State Armed Police, 1st Battalion, Dhenkanal for consideration of his grievances regarding reinstatement/reengagement in service. It is submitted that the petitioner at this stage seeks direction to the authority for consideration of his representation.

The learned ASC in response submits that the authority shall consider the representation of the petitioner in accordance with law.

4. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned ASC and in view of the limited nature of prayer made by the petitioner, this Court is not seeking any response from the opposite parties regarding the contentions raised by the petitioner in the writ application.

5. It is directed that the authority shall do well to consider the representation dated 17.04.2026 (Annexure-5 to the writ application) and pass order in

accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of communication of the certified copy of this order along with copy of representation already made and copies of all such documents sought to be relied upon by the petitioner. The decision so made shall be communicated to the petitioner.

6. This Court has not expressed any opinion regarding the contentions raised by the petitioner or the parties to the writ application.

7. The writ application is disposed of with the above observations.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

Radha

Signature Not Verified
Digitally Signed
Signed by: RADHARANI JENA
Reason: Authentication
Location: OHC
Date: 11-Sep-2026 17:56:13