



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.9971 of 2023

Antaryami Mishra

.... *Petitioner(s)*

Represented by Adv.

Mr. Sangramjit Panda

-versus-

Union of India & Anr.

.... *Opposite Party(s)*

Represented By DSGI

Mr. P. K. Parhi

Along with

Mr. D. Gochhayat, CGC

Mr. N. K. Mishra, Sr. Adv.

Along with associates

Mr. S. S. Das, Sr. Adv.

Along with

Ms. S. Das, Adv.

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

16.04.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. The Petitioner has filed this Writ Petition seeking a direction from this Court to the Opposite Party No.1 regarding the clarification in respect to the candidature of "Padmashri Awardee" which is in dispute between the Petitioner and the Opposite Party No.2 claiming/impersonating himself to be the Antaryami Mishra (Padmashri Awardee)



3. Heard learned counsels for the Parties.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner had applied for the Padmashri Award as per the guidelines published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in the literature domain. After few days, the Petitioner came to know that some other person having same name (i.e. Antaryami Mishra) belongs to the District of Dhenkanal impersonated himself to be the Padmashri Awardee and has given interview to the Newspaper. After knowing the same, the Petitioner approached the Public Information Officer in regard to clarification of the candidature. But in the RTI report, it was directed to approach the Delhi Police.
5. He further submits that the present Petitioner is a professional writer and he has written more than 29 numbers of books in Odia Language. On the other hand, the Opposite Party No.3 who claims himself to be the "Padmashri Awardee" is a journalist by profession and has never written any book.
6. He further submits that the present Petitioner had received call from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India relating to his selection for "Padmashri Award" for his dedication towards the Odia Language and Literature.



7. Considering the facts and submissions made, this Court is of the view that the Petitioner has approached this Court on the basis of some phone calls from somebody stating that he is the recipient of the “Padmashri Award” for the year 2023 in the field of Literature. Despite a few adjournments were granted to the Petitioner to place on record all the documents which embolden his claim, the Petitioner has failed to submit any document where his name has been figured as a “Padmashri Awardee”. This shows that the Petitioner has unnecessarily created controversy and also demeaned the prestige of the award and tried to malign the image of the Opposite Party No.2.

8. In such view of the matter, this Court deems it appropriate to impose a cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) on the Petitioner for unnecessarily wasting the valuable time of this Court. The same shall be paid to the Orissa High Court Bar Association, Cuttack for purchasing of books within a period of ten days from today.

9. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed.

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(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge