



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.9971 of 2023

Antaryami Mishra

.... *Petitioner*
Represented By Adv.
Mr. S. A. Swain

-versus-

Union of India & Anr.

.... *Opposite Parties*
Represented By DSGI
Mr. P. K. Parhi
Along with
Mr. D. Gochhayat, CGC

CORAM:
DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

11.02.2025

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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 for clarification regarding the candidature for the “Padma Shri Award” which is in dispute between the Petitioner and the Opposite Party No.2, who bears the same name i.e. Antaryami Mishra (Padma Shri Awardee). Hence, both claim for the Padma Shri Award which was declared in the year 2023.



4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is a Doctor by Profession and an Odia Litterateur. He has authored 29 books in Odia and in other Indian languages, and in recognition to his contributions to literature, his name was included in the Padma Shri Awardee list which was declared in the year 2023.

5. Conversely, the Opposite Party No.2, is a journalist by profession but having the same name with zero authorship. However, it is alleged that he fraudulently secured the Padma Shri Award by impersonating the Petitioner. Consequently, the Petitioner finds himself compelled to seek the intervention of this Court.

6. In such view of the matter, let notice be issued to the Opposite Parties.

7. Learned counsel for the Union of India waives of notice on behalf of the Opposite Party No.1. One copy of the brief be served on him to take instructions in the matter.

8. Further, let notice be issued to the Opposite Party No.2 by Registered Post with A.D./Speed Post and with Dasti service. Requisites shall be filed within three working days from today.

9. This Court finds it rather surprising that, despite the State Government playing a key role in the verification



process and various paraphernalia are followed before the Padma Shri Award is declared, yet such type of claim and counterclaim kind of situation arises just because the names are identical. It is a great recognition conferred on persons for their distinguished service in various fields.

10. Considering the seriousness of the dispute, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the physical presence of both the Petitioner and Opposite Party No.2 before this Court on 24th February, 2025, at 2 P.M.

11. It is further directed that both the Petitioner and Opposite Party No.2 shall produce all relevant publications and materials before this Court to substantiate their respective claims regarding the conferment of the Padma Shri Award.

12. List this matter on 24th February, 2025 at 2 P.M.

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge

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