

3. 7.08.2020 This matter is taken up through Video Conferencing.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State Counsel for the opposite parties.

The petitioner has filed this Writ Petition seeking direction to the opposite parties to count her past service with effect from the date of her initial ad.hoc appointment towards career advancement, as has been directed by this Court in **Karunakar Sahoo v. State of Orissa** (W.P.(C) No.20648 of 2016 disposed of on 27.06.2017).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the order passed in **Karunakar Sahoo** (supra) has already been implemented by the State Government. Therefore, the petitioner may be permitted to file a fresh representation before the authority within fifteen days indicating the above aspects, so that the authority can apply their mind and pass appropriate order in accordance with law. To which, learned State Counsel has raised no objection.

Considering the facts and circumstances of this case, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Writ Petition stands disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioner, with regard to the grievance made in this petition, files a fresh comprehensive representation before the authority within two weeks, the same shall be considered and decided by the said authority in the light of the ratio decided by this Court in **Karunakar Sahoo** as mentioned supra, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of

three months from the date of receipt of such representation along with a copy of this order.

As Lock-down period is continuing for COVID-19, learned counsel for the petitioner may utilize the soft copy of this order available in the High Court's website or print out thereof at par with certified copies in the manner prescribed, vide Court's Notice No.4587, dated 25.03.2020.

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(Biswanath Rath, J.)

