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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) PIL No.3919 of 2023

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Prabir Kumar Das

Petitioner In Person

-versus-

State of Odisha & Others *Opposite Parties* Mr. Ishwar Mohanty, Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM: THE CHIEF JUSTICE JUSTICE M. S. RAMAN

ORDER 16.02.2023

Order No. 01.

1. The plea in the present petition is that all six posts of Members of the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights are vacant. The Petitioner states that four posts are lying vacant from 19th May, 2020 and two posts from 10th January, 2021 and 25th August, 2022 respectively.

2. This being a statutory body, there appears to be no justification for keeping these posts vacant. The unfilled vacancies will defeat the very purpose of setting up such a Commission.

3. Notice. Mr. Ishwar Mohanty, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the Opposite Parties-State and seeks time for instructions.

4. List on 9th March, 2022.

(Dr. S. Muralidhar) Chief Justice

> (M. S. Raman) Judge

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