



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WP(C) No.1118 of 2026**

***Amiya Ranjan Nayak***

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***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -  
Sameer Kumar Das

*-versus-*

***1) State Of Odisha***

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***Opposite Parties***

- 2) Director, secondary Education
- 3) District Education Officer, Bhadrak
- 4) Block Education Officer

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

**CORAM:**

**MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**

**15.01.2026**

**Order No.**

01.       1.     This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2.     Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the writ application as well as the prayer made therein.
3.     Mr. Das, learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that although the Petitioner is having the qualification of Graduate Engineer he has been given appointment to a Group-D post at S.A.J. High School, Dobal in Dhamnagar Block of Bhadrak vide order dated 05.01.2026 at Annexure-11. He further contended that the Petitioner is required join today as against the appointment order. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset objected to appointment of the Petitioner against a Group-D post. He further submitted that as per the O.C.S. (Rehabilitation Assistance) Rules, 1990 appointment is to be given to a person



befitting to his educational qualification. In the present case, learned counsel for the Petitioner categorically stated that the appointment given is not befitting to his educational qualification. Hence, a strong objection was raised to the appointment letter dated 05.01.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the State sought for some time to obtain instruction to file his reply affidavit.

5. Considering such submission, he is granted four weeks' time to obtain instruction and to file the reply affidavit.

6. List this matter in the week commencing 23.03.2026.

**I.A. No.787 of 2026**

7. As an interim, it is directed that the operation of order dated 05.01.2026 at Annexure-11 shall remain stayed till the next date.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

**( A.K. Mohapatra )**  
**Judge**

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