



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.1698 of 2026

Ashok Kumar Swain

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Dr. Binoda Kumar
Mishra

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) Director, Department Of Higher
Education, Government Of Odisha

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

24.02.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
 2. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner. Perused the writ petition as well as the prayer made therein.
 3. Upon hearing of the learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further consideration in presence of the Opposite Parties.
 4. Hence, issue notice to the Opposite Parties.
 5. Mr. U.C. Jena, learned ASC accepts notice on behalf of all the Opposite Parties.
 6. Since soft copy of the writ petition has already been uploaded in the LMS Portal, no hard copy of the writ petition is required to be served on the learned Additional Standing Counsel. Soft copy of the writ petition, which has been uploaded in the LMS Portal, be



utilized for issuance of notice to the Opposite Parties by the learned Additional Standing Counsel.

7. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within six weeks hence after serving a copy thereof on the learned counsel for the Petitioner.
8. List this matter in the week commencing 13.04.2026.

(*Aditya Kumar Mohapatra*)
Judge

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