



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.2450 of 2026

Sri Subham Sekhar Sahoo

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Sameer Kumar Das

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Unmesh Chandra
Jena, ASC

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
02.02.2026

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 Parties. 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 Science Graduate he has been given appointment to a Group-D post at Sarsada Govt. High School in Bhandaripokhari Block of Bhadrak district vide order dated 05.01.2026 at Annexure-9. 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 along with W.P.(C) No.1118 of 2026 in the week commencing 23.03.2026.

I.A. No.999 of 2026

7. As an interim, it is directed that the operation of order dated 05.01.2026 at Annexure-9 shall remain stayed till the next date.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

Debasis/Suchitra