



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.2698 of 2026

Subrata Kumar Sahoo

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Budhadev Routray,

Sr. Advocate

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) Odisha Model Tribal Education
Society, (omtes) , Bhubaneswar
3) Principal Secretary, Finance Dept.,
Odisha
4) Director, S.t. And S.c. Dev. Dept.-
cum-member Secretary, Omtes,
Bhubaneswar
5) Union Of India, Ministry Of Tribal
Affairs (mota) Dept., New Delhi
6) The Principal, Ekalavya Model
Residential School (emrs) , Mahasingi

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. B.S. Rayaguru,

Sr. Panel Counsel

Mr. S. Behera, AGA

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

28.01.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement
(Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Mr. B.S. Rayaguru, learned Senior Panel Counsel files
memo of appearance in Court. The same be kept on record.
3. Heard Mr. B. Routray, learned senior counsel for the
Petitioner as well as Mr. Rayaguru, learned Sr. Panel Counsel
appearing for Opposite Party Nos. 5 and 6 and learned counsel for
the State for Opposite Party Nos. 1 to 4.



4. Learned counsel for the State accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Party Nos. 1 to 4. Since the copy of writ application has already been uploaded in the LMS website, no extra copy is required on the learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Two extra copies of the writ application be served on Mr. Rayaguru, learned Senior Panel Counsel for Union of India. Counter affidavit, if any be filed within four weeks after serving a copy thereof on the learned counsel for the Petitioner. Rejoinder, if any be filed within two weeks thereafter.

5. List this matter in the week commencing 16.03.2026 indicating the name of Mr. B.S. Rayaguru as counsel for the Opposite Party Nos. 5 and 6 in the cause list as well as in the brief.

I.A. No.1709 of 2026

6. Issue notice as above.

7. As an interim, it is directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the present Petitioner in the meantime. Further, as an interim, it is directed that in the event the Petitioner is discharging his duties as Assistant Teacher, status quo with regard to his service shall be maintained till the next date.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge