



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.3015 of 2025

Amit Kumar Biswal **Petitioner**
Represented by Adv.—
Ms. Pami Rath, Senior Advocate
-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.A. No.3321 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Bisheshawar Biswal **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—
Ms. Pami Rath, Senior Advocate

W.A. No.3385 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Laxmidhar Jena **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Biplab Bahali, Advocate

W.A. No.3390 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Chitaranjan Subudhi **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.3391 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Deepak Kumar Padhi **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3392 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Chitta Ranjan Das **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3397 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Dhananjaya Kar **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3398 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Pupun Dash **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.3400 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Tuna Das and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3404 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Kanhu Charan Gochhayat & Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3405 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Prasant Kumar Dalei & Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3406 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Bhabakanta Panda **Respondent**

Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.3416 of 2024

State of Odisha & another **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Santosh Kumar Sahoo and Others **Respondent**

Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3419 of 2024

State of Odisha & Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Lalit Mohan Mohanty & Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3438 of 2024

State of Odisha & Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Asish Kumar Dash and another **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3443 of 2024

State of Odisha and another **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Manoranjan Budula and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–



W.A. No.3445 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Nilamani Naik and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3448 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

K Trinath Patra and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3449 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Antarjyami Naik and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3452 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Golekha Pattanayak and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3457 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Sanatan Swain and Others **Respondents**



Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3464 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Hapina Nayak and Others **Respondents**

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3467 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Aditya Mirdha **Respondents**

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3475 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Sambhunath Sethy and Others **Respondents**

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3476 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Anil Kumar Sethy and Others **Respondents**

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3477 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**

Represented by Adv.—



Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Roshan Nag and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3478 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Bijesh Kumar Sahoo and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3482 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Akshya Kumar Chouhan and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3486 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

**Ananta Kishore Mohanty and
another** **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.3488 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Akash Rout and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.–



W.A. No.3489 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Abinash Sahoo and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3495 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Ashok Kumar Behera and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3499 of 2024

State of Odisha and others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Guruprasad Pradhan and Others **Respondents**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3500 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Abinash Soren **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3502 of 2024

State of Odisha and Others **Appellants**
Represented by Adv.—



Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Sitaram Bag **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3503 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Bijaya Kumar Das **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3505 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Ramakanta Behera **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3506 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Rajendra Behera **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3507 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Satyajit Rana **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.3510 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Manas Ranjan Rout **Respondent**

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.3511 of 2024

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Rohita Sethi **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.8 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Smruti Ranjan Behera **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.12 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-
Sunil Kumar Behera **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.14 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**



Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Sasadhar Jena

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.19 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Alok Kumar Naik

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.23 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Kamal Behera

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.25 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Pabitra Dash

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.55 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate



-Versus-

Pramod Behera

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.57 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Hemanta Kumar Pradhan

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.58 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Sk Anisuddin

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.66 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Sanatan Swain

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.–

W.A. No.77 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

-Versus-

Amiya Prasad Barik

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Respondent



Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.116 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Kuppili Raju

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.118 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Satyanarayan Sahoo

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.120 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Nilamani Naik

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.121 of 2025

State of Odisha

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Krushna Chandra Pradhan

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Respondent

Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.122 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Priyabrata Mohanty **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.123 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Gobabandhu Sahu **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.124 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Alok Kumar Panda **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.128 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Akash Kumar Sahoo **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.148 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Radhakanta Bhue **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.204 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Pabitra Mohan Pradhan **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.211 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Subarna Kisan **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.222 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Laxmidhar Jena **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.274 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Durga Prasad Naik **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.335 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Chetan Sahoo **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—



W.A. No.336 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Sunil Kumar Sahoo **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.337 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Dilip Kumar Kisan **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.A. No.347 of 2025

State of Odisha **Appellant**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate
-Versus-

Jyotirmay Das **Respondent**
Represented by Adv.—

W.P. (C) No.3628 of 2025

Ratikant Mohapatra **Petitioner**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Prakash Chandra Dash, Advocate
-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.3703 of 2025

Situ Sahoo **Petitioner**
Represented by Adv.—



Mr. Azra Jamal, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.3908 of 2025

Rakesh Kumar Mallick

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Sucheta Gumansingh, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.3956 of 2025

Papun Dash

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Madan Mohan Das, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.4094 of 2025

Parehsh Kumar Ray

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Azra Jamal, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.4159 of 2025

Bibhuti Bhusan Mallik

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.–



Mr. B.P.B. Bahali, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.4279 of 2025

Jogeswar Maharana

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. P.C. Das, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

W.P. (C) No.4512 of 2025

Pradeep Kumar Nayak

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Azra Jamal, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARINDAM SINHA,

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

07.03.2025

Order No.

02.

1. Several appeals and two writ petitions have been listed as tagged together pursuant to direction in order dated 18th February,



2025. Date of listing directed by said order was 25th February, 2025. Submission on behalf of appellants and petitioners at the Bar is, on the appeals having had been called on for hearing, adjournment was obtained and immediately thereafter date of examination notified. There were steps taken to plead urgency. The appeals and the writ petitions have been listed today. In the meantime, the examination scheduled to be held on 8th and 9th March, 2025 now stands postponed. Appellants and petitioners seek hearing or interim protection against date being fixed for the examination in the meantime.

2. Mr. Das, learned advocate, Additional Government Advocate appears on behalf of State and hands up communication dated 6th March, 2025 issued by the Home Department. Text of the communication is reproduced below.

“In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that Govt. have been pleased to order that the Combined recruitment examination 2025 of Group 'B' posts of Odisha Police Service, Odisha Prison Service and Odisha Fire Service scheduled to be held on 8th & 9th March 2025 is deferred for the time being.

It is therefore, requested that, necessary steps may please be taken to intimate the candidates regarding postponement of the examination.”

Mr. Das submits, the appeals and writ petitions be listed for hearing on Monday. Appellants and petitioners pray for interim



restraint.

3. List in same position on Monday, 10th March, 2025. We do not expect before adjourned date the examination will be again notified.

**(Arindam Sinha)
Acting Chief Justice**

**(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge**

A.K. Rana

Signature Not Verified

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Signed by: AJAYA KUMAR RANA
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