



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.5604 of 2026

Monarika Palai

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Subhadutta Routray

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

Mr. B.S. Rayaguru, Senior
Panel Counsel

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

ORDER
20.02.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard Mr. B. Routray, learned senior counsel for the Petitioner as well as Mr. B.S. Rayaguru, learned Senior Panel Counsel appearing for Opposite Party Nos. 5 to 7 and learned counsel for the State for Opposite Party Nos. 1 to 4.
3. Mr. U.C. Jena, learned Additional Standing Counsel 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 of the writ application is required to be served on the learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State- Opposite Parties No.1 to 4. Two extra copies of the writ application



be served on Mr. Rayaguru, learned Senior Panel Counsel for Union of India.

4. Counter affidavit, if any be filed within two weeks after serving a copy thereof on the learned counsel for the Petitioner. Rejoinder, if any be filed within one week thereafter.

5. List this matter along with W.P.(C) No.2698 of 2026 in the week commencing 16.03.2026 indicating the name of Mr. B.S. Rayaguru as counsel for the Opposite Party Nos. 5 to 7 in the cause list as well as in the brief.

I.A. No.3077 of 2026

6. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner.

7. Issue notice as above.

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

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

Debasis