



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.5656 of 2026

Ambika Prasad Padhy

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
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-versus-

Union of India & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. S.K.Parhi, A.S.C.
Mr. Gopinath Sethi
(S.P.C), Ms. Palak Jain,
Adv.

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

16.04.2026

I.A. No.3497 of 2026

Order No.

- 05.
1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
 2. This is an application at the instance of the Petitioner with a prayer for stay operation of the order dated 13.02.2026.
 3. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel appearing for the Opposite Party Nos.1 & 2 and learned Additional Standing Counsel.
 4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that the Petitioner was initially appointed as Principal of the School by virtue of the appointment order dated 25.09.2014 at Annexure-1. While he was continuing as Principal of the School on contractual



basis the Opposite Party No.2 passed an order thereby engaging one Anmol Behera, PGT Chemistry-Opposite Party No.5 as Principal of the School. In the said order nothing has been mentioned with regard to the present Petitioner. Although, a counter has been filed by the Opposite Party Nos.1 & 2, no allegation has been made against the present Petitioner. Simply on administrative ground, the Opposite Party No.5 has been appointed as a Principal.

5. In the aforesaid factual backdrop, this Court is inclined to stay operation of the impugned order dated 13.02.2026 at Annexure-6.

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6. Learned counsel for the State shall file his reply affidavit within ten days.

7. List this matter in the week commencing 4th May, 2026.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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