

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**W.P.(C) No.9757 of 2021**

***Ajit Kumar Pradhan.***

.... ***Petitioner***  
*Mr.S.D.Routray, Advocate*

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha and others***

.... ***Opposite Parties***  
*Mr.Nikhil Pratap, A.S.C.*  
*Mr.Deepak Ku.Pani, Advocate*  
*for intervener*

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**  
**24.01.2024**

**Order No.**

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Government advocate and the learned counsel appearing for the intervener-Petitioner.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that in view of the interim order passed in the present case, the Petitioner is not getting promotion in spite of his name having been recommended by the D.P.C.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the Intervener submitted that in the event the interveners are not getting promotion, then they will be prejudiced.
5. Learned Additional Government Advocate submitted that since there was a break in service of the Petitioner, his case has not been considered for promotion along with the Interveners by the D.P.C.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, interim order dated 12.12.2023 is modified to the extent that one post of Forester in respect of Phulbani Division shall not be filled up till the next date. Further, any promotion made in the meantime shall be subject to the final outcome of the Writ Petition.

**( A.K. Mohapatra )**  
**Judge**

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