



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.8987 of 2026

Adaitya Prasad Patra

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Biswabihari Mohanty

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

.....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
D.K.Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

25.03.2026

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01. 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 for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the prayer made therein.
3. By filing the present writ application, the Petitioner calls in question the validity and legality of order dated 25.02.2026 at Annexure-15 passed by the Government thereby imposing punishment on the Petitioner in a proceeding which was initiated under Rule-15 of the OCS(CCA)Rules, 1962.
4. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel or the Petitioner, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further examination after filing the counter affidavit.
5. Hence, Issue notice to the Opposite Parties.
6. Mr.D.K.Sahoo, learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the Opposite Party Nos.1 & 2.



7. Since soft copy of the writ petition has already been uploaded in the LMS Portal, no hard copy of the writ petition is required to be served on the learned Additional Government Advocate. Soft copy of the writ petition, which has been uploaded in the LMS Portal, be utilized for issuance of notice to the Opposite Parties by the learned Additional Government Advocate.

8. Extra copy of the writ application be served on Mr.S.K.Patra, learned Standing Counsel, who usually appears for the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Odisha-Opposite Party No.3.

9. Similarly, extra copy of the writ application be also served on any of empanelled counsel for the Odisha Public Service Commission-Opposite Party No.4.

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

11. List this matter in the week commencing 06.07.2026.

I.A No.5334 of 2026

12. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.

13. As an interim measure, it is directed that no recovery shall be made from the Petitioner pursuant to order dated 25.02.2026 till the next date.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge