



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.9834 of 2026

Laxmipriya Nayak

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Sarat Chandra Dash

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

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

CORAM:

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

ORDER

31.03.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel appearing 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. Being aggrieved by the conduct of the Opposite Parties in not including the name of the Petitioner in the final selection list although the Petitioner has secured the maximum marks and she belongs to the UR category for which two posts of Laboratory Assistant in Botany are there, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.
4. On perusal of the writ application, it appears that as per the advertisement at Annexure-2, 10 nos. of posts were reserved for Laboratory Assistant-cum-Storekeeper in Botany, out of which two



posts are earmarked for UR category. Although appointments have been given to the 4 nos. of posts for SC category, 2 nos. of posts for ST category and 2 nos. of posts for SEBC category have already been issued with appointment letter, however, no steps have been taken to ensure that the persons falling under the UR category are selected and given appointment.

5. Considering such facts, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further examination.

6. On the request of learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-Opposite Parties, he is granted two weeks' time to obtain instruction in the matter.

7. An extra copy of the writ application be served on any of the counsels who usually appears for the State Selection Board within three working days.

8. List this matter in the week commencing 27.04.2026.

I.A No.5424 of 2026

9. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.

10. As an interim measure, it is directed that one post of Laboratory Assistant-cum-Storekeeper in Botany shall not be filled up till the next date without the leave of this Court.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge