

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.9333 of 2023

Bisal Munda and others *Petitioners*
Mr. R.Rath, Advocate
-versus-
State of Odisha & others *Opp. Parties*
Mr. A.Behera, A.G.A.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER
19.02.2024

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11. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr. A.Behera, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State- Opposite Parties.
3. Mr. R.Rath, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner to submits that while selecting candidates in respect Home Guard Group-D Post and for recruitment to the post of Constable (Civil), the Opposite Parties have not followed the rules and the reservation of 10% each for both this categories has not been adhere to in the selection process by the Opposite Parties while preparing the final district-wise merit list. He further contended that handful of candidates belonging to aforesaid both categories have been selected and their names have been included in the final merit list. On the contrary the rule provides that 10% reservation shall be provided each for both the categories on the basis of total number of posts available for such district, and a district-wise list on the basis of merit

and category wise shall be drawn separately. Since it has been alleged by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the 10% reservation for each category has not be strictly adhered to by Opposite Parties, this Court directs the Opposite Parties to file an affidavit indicating therein, district-wise the number of posts advertised for the recruitment to the post of Constable (Civil), the number of posts that were reserved for the Home Guard category as well as Group-D category and, how many of such posts have been filled up in the meantime. Let the affidavit be filed within two weeks.

4. List this matter in the week commencing from 18th of March, 2024.

5. This Court further indicates that W.P.(C) No.9333 of 2023 shall be treated as the lead matter so far as the recruitment to the post of 10% Group-D category is concerned and the similarly W.P.(C) No.8793 of 2023 shall be treated as the lead matter so far as the recruitment to the post of 10% Home guard category.

(*A.K. Mohapatra*)
Judge