



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.11956 of 2026

Jugal Kishore Dash

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Sameer Kumar Das

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. D.K.Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:

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

ORDER

30.04.2026

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 appearing for the State- Opposite Parties. Perused the writ petition as well as the prayer made therein.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the Petitioner was appointed by the erstwhile Government Autonomous College, Bhawanipatna in the district of Kalahandi. Later on, the status of the college has been upgraded and the same has been declared to be a State University and named as "Maa Manikeshwari University". Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contended that although the Petitioner was initially appointed on construal basis and he has been discharging his duty continuously before past 5 years, however, without regularizing



the service of the Petitioner, the Opposite Parties have published an advertisement dated 09.03.2026 under Annexure-3 thereby an attempt has been made to fill up 32 posts in the above noted Maa Manikeshwari University. Being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Parties in regularizing the service of the Petitioner and further publishing the advertisement to fill up the vacancy, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contended that without regularizing the service of the Petitioner, who has been working on contractual basis and discharging his duties for past 5 years without any brake, the Opposite Parties have published an advertisement to fill up the vacancies.

4. Considering such submission, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further examination in presence of the Opposite Parties.

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 No.1.

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 Party No.1 by the learned Additional Government Advocate.

8. Requisites for issuance of notice to the Opposite Parties No.2 and 3 by Speed Post with A.D. be filed within three working



days hence.

9. List this matter along with W.P.(C) No.9622 of 2026.
10. In the meantime, learned counsel for the State shall obtain instruction in the matter and file counter affidavit, if any.

I.A. No.7325 of 2026

11. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner.
12. Issue notice as above.
13. As an interim measure, it is directed that one post of Junior Clerk shall not be filled up pursuant to Advertisement dated 09.03.2026 under Annexure-3 till the next date. It is further directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner till the next date.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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