



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.12467 of 2026

Harekrushna Dash

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Durgesh Narayan Rath

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

Order No.

ORDER
04.05.2026

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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 for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
 3. By filing the present writ application, the Petitioner calls in question the conduct of the Opposite Parties in treating the Junior Teachers (Schematic), who were appointed in the year 2023-24 as senior to the present Petitioner. In course of his argument, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner was initially engaged as Sikhya Sahayak in the year 2012. Upon



completion of 3 years of service, he was engaged as Junior Teacher with effect from 20.11.2015. He further contended that in the meantime the Opposite Parties have changed the rules by virtue of the notification dated 02.04.2026 whereby the Junior Teachers (Schematic), who were engaged in the Primary and Upper Primary School during the year 2023-24 and were issued with the engagement order in the year 2024, have been regularized from the date of their initial engagement. As a result, such Junior Teachers (Schematic) are likely to be placed above the present Petitioners, who were initially recruited in the year 2012 in the gradation list. He further contended that the decision of the Government vide notification dated 02.04.2026 at Annexure-10 has not been implemented so far. Being aggrieved by such notification, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

4. Learned Additional Government Advocate for the State-Opposite Parties sought for some time to obtain instruction in the matter.

5. Considering the prayer of the learned counsel for the State, he is granted four weeks' time to obtain instruction in the matter.

6. List this matter in the week commencing 29.06.2026.

I.A No.7357 of 2026

7. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.



8. As an interim measure, it is directed that the decision vide notification dated 02.04.2026 of the S&ME Department, Government of Odisha at Annexure-10 shall not be given effect to till the next date.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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