



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.12973 of 2026

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Petitioner

Mr. S.P. Mishra, Senior Advocate along with
Ms. S. Rout, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Mr. T.K. Dash, A.G.A.
Mr. B. Routray, Senior Advocate along with
Mr. S. Routray, Advocate

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JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

05.05.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard Mr. S.P. Mishra, learned Senior Advocate along with Ms. S. Rout, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. T.K. Dash, learned Additional Government Advocate for State-Opposite Party No.1.

2. Mr. B. Routray, learned Senior Advocate along with Mr. S. Routray, learned Advocate appears for Opposite Parties 2 to 5.

3. The Petitioner, who is student of BBM and was required to appear End-Semester Examination-II for 1st year, has approached this Court challenging the action of the University authorities debarring him from appearing said examination in the subject "Introduction to OB & HR" on the ground of less percentage in attendance.

4. It is submitted that the minimum percentage required in each subject is to the extent of 75%, where the Petitioner has 64.41%

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of attendance in that particular subject of OB & HR course. However, the examination in the subject has already been commenced and completed on 16.04.2026.

5. Mr. Routray, learned Senior Advocate for the University submits upon instruction that, the Supplementary Examination for all Undergraduate (UG) programmes for the Academic Year 2026-27 are scheduled to commence from 1st July 2026 and 1st February 2027 and the students having backlogs, as well as those who have been debarred, are eligible to appear for the respective supplementary examinations. Therefore, it is submitted by Mr. Routray that the Petitioner can appear the Supplementary Examination as stated above.

6. Recording such submissions of Mr. Routray, learned Senior Advocate for University authorities, the writ petition is disposed of permitting the Petitioner to appear in the Supplementary Examination to be held either from 1st July 2026 or from 1st February 2027.

7. An urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

B.K. Barik