



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.14368 of 2026

Manisha Padhan

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Ajaya Kumar Tripathy

-versus-

State of Orissa & Ors.

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

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

ORDER
08.05.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State. Perused the writ application as well as the prayer made therein.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that being aggrieved by the conduct of the Opposite Party Nos.1 & 2 in excluding the Petitioner from the final gradation list. Although the Petitioner has been working as a Classical Sanskrit Teacher while holding the post of TGT scale of Teacher, his name has not been included in the said gradation list. He further contended that the Petitioner and other similarly situated persons has not been considered for promotion to the post of Headmaster.
4. On a careful analysis of the submissions made by the learned



counsel for the Petitioner, 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. Learned counsel for the State accepts notice on behalf of all the Opposite Parties. Since the soft copy of the writ petition has already been uploaded in the LMS, no hard copy is required to be served on learned counsel for the State.

7. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within a period of six weeks.

8. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

9. List this matter along with W.P.(C) No.8494 of 2026.

I.A. No.8465 of 2026

10. Heard.

11. Notice as above.

12. As an interim measure it is directed that the final gradation list as published shall be subject to the final outcome of the present writ application.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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