



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No. 498 of 2020

State of Odisha **Appellant(s)**

*Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, Addl. Standing Counsel
-versus-*

Padmanava Pradhan & others **Respondent(s)**

*Mr. Jayanta Kumar Rath, Senior Advocate
(for respondent Nos.1 to 24)*

*Mr. Sisir Kumar Purohit, Advocate
(for respondent Nos.25 & 26)*

CORAM:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. S. MISHRA**

ORDER

04.08.2025

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33. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

Heard Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-Appellant; Mr. Jayanta Kumar Rath, learned Senior Advocate for respondent nos.1 to 24 and Mr. Sisir Kumar Purohit, learned counsel appearing for respondent nos.25 and 26-Sambalpur University.

Both Mr. Jayanta Kumar Rath, learned Senior Advocate for respondent nos.1 to 24 and Mr. Sisir Kumar Purohit, learned counsel appearing for



respondent nos.25 and 26-Sambalpur University conjointly justify the impugned order and submit that the decision has been taken to appoint these candidates as Executive Assistant, as against 23 nos. of vacancy of Junior Assistants, in the review meeting held on 24.06.2008 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the State.

It is also pointed out by Mr. Purohit, learned counsel for the University that repeated letters were being sent to the State Government for the purpose of regularizing these candidates as against the huge number of vacancies, but to no avail.

At this stage, Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, learned Additional Standing Counsel submits that she would seek instruction as to whether one time policy decision for the purpose of regularizing these candidates could be worked out or not. Let the State counsel seek instruction by the next date of hearing.

Put up this matter on 22.08.2025. Instruction shall be obtained in the meantime.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge