



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.20809 of 2025

Pravas Nayak and others

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv. -
Shashi Bhusan Jena

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -
Dr. Purusottam Chuli,
Adv. for University

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CORAM:

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

ORDER

15.07.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
 2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as Dr. P. Chuli, learned counsel for the Berhampur University and learned counsel for the State.
 3. In course of hearing the learned counsel appearing for the University referred to the letter dated 18.01.2025 of the University written to the Special Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha with a request for restoration of the abolished non-teaching posts in ministerial category of the University. He further contended that the grievance of the Petitioner for promotion to the next higher post can only be attended to in the event such posts which have been abolished are restored by the Government.



He further contended that although approval has been sought for from the Government, no such approval has come from the Government.

4. Learned counsel for the State sought for some time to obtain specific instruction as to whether any decision has been taken on the request of the University vide its letter dated 18.01.2025 at Annexure-8 to the writ petition.

5. Accordingly, learned counsel for the State is granted two weeks' time.

6. List this matter in the week commencing 03.08.2026.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

S.K. Rout