



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.A. No.2196 of 2024

Arjun Pangi

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Appellant

Represented by Adv.–

Mr. Manoj Ku. Khuntia, Advocate

-Versus-

**D.G. and IG of Police, Odisha,
Cuttack and Others**

....

Respondents

Mr. Subha Bikash Panda, AGA.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

20.08.2025

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

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1. Heard Mr. M.K. Khuntia, learned counsel appearing for the appellant and add in extensive we also heard the learned Additional Government Advocate.

To sum and substance of the argument made by Mr. Khuntia is that from Annexure-A at page-43, part of the counter filed by the opposite parties-authority, the following vacancy position emanates for the job of “Dhobi” in the establishment of the opposite parties.

2. The vacancy position total-8.

SC-0, ST-3, SEBC -1 and UR-4.

Now the question arises, the reason for keeping the UR-4 posts vacant, if the total vacancies were 8.

Learned Additional Government Advocate shall obtain instruction regarding the same, particularly, if there were vacancies available, why the appointments were made only on the basis of the reservation principle without affording any opportunity to



successful candidates who had higher marks to get appointed against the Unreserve vacancies, though the advertisement dated 09.11.2017.

3. We have also marked Annexure-4 to the Writ Petition, which is the proceeding of the recruitment test and in the table. The details of the applications and the rejected applications are given. The table is reproduced below: -

Dhobi

Sl. No.	Category	No. of applications received	No. of applications rejected	No. of valid applications	remarks
1.	UR	6	2	4	
2.	SEBC	22	3	19	
3.	SC	79	3	76	
4.	ST	119	2	117	

The authority shall also indicate the reasons for not filling of vacancies all the vacant posts or the reasons for not advertising them.

4. List this matter on 14th October, 2025.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge.

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