



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.23223 of 2025

Sangram Rout & Others

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. B.P.B. Bahali, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Orissa & Others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Subha Bikash Panda, AGA
(for opposite parties No.1 & 2)
Mr. Subir Palit, Sr. Advocate
along with by Mr. Amitav Mishra, Advocate
(for opposite party No.3),
Mr. R.C. Mohanty, Advocate
(for opposite parties No.4 & 5)

W.P.(C) No.23448 of 2025

**Choudhury Akash Kumar Behera
& Others**

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saurav Das, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Orissa & Others

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W.P.(C) No.23632 of 2025

Sitansu Pani & Others

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. B.P.B. Bahali, Advocate

-Versus-



State of Orissa & Others

.... Opposite Parties

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CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

Order No.

ORDER
22.08.2025

(Hybrid Mode)

- 01.** 1. Learned counsel Mr. B.P.B. Bahali, appearing for the Petitioners in W.P.(C) No.23223 of 2025 and in the writ in notified special list i.e. W.P.(C) No. 23632 of 2025, makes a prayer for amendment of the cause title of the writ petition in the I.A. No.14327 of 2025. We direct Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar to be arrayed as opposite party No.6 and Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Rourkela as opposite party No.7. Amended cause title filed by learned counsel Mr. Bahali be accepted. Scanned copy be updated.
2. All the writ petitions i.e. W.P.(C) No.23223 of 2025, W.P.(C) No.23448 of 2025 and in W.P.(C) No.23632 of 2025 are taken up together as they involve common questions of law, common issue to be adjudicated i.e. payment of fees by the students for the seats included in the counselling by OJEE, as



notified by the Government of Odisha vide notification dated 16th August, 2025.

3. The Notification dated 16th August, 2025, prescribes the fees structure of Medical course at Sl. No.1 is the Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar (Fees Rs.11,56,000/- revised from Rs.6,50,000/-) and Sl. No.2 is the Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Rourkela (Fees Rs.8,54,000/- revised from Rs.5,50,000/-).

4. Since the petitioners students are seeking admission in the college, for which counselling has already started from 22.08.2025 for the Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Rourkela and from 24.08.2025 for the Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar, we thought it appropriate to request the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners to serve copies in advance on the learned counsel Mr. A. Mishra, learned counsel who usually appears for the OJEE and Mr. R.C. Mohanty, learned counsel who usually appears for opposite party No. 5-DMET, the Director Medical Education & Training Odisha and who also has instruction to appear for Opposite party No.4-DMET, Odisha.

After copies have been served, the matter is taken up as the petitioners pray for urgent interim order.

5. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioners Mr. B.P.B. Bahali, in the W.P.(C) No.23223 of 2025 and W.P.(C) No.23632 of 2025 and Mr. Sourav Das, learned counsel in W.P.(C) No.23448 of 2025. We are also assisted by learned Senior Counsel Mr. Subir Palit, appearing along with Mr. Amitav Mishra, learned counsel for the opposite party No.3 and Mr. R.C. Mohanty, learned counsel for opposite parties No.4 and 5.



6. The matter is heard at length, considering the facts that the petitioners are aggrieved by the enhancement of course fee as specified in paragraph-E of the Brochure (Annexure-2), the paragraph E is reproduced for reference: -

“E. FEE STRUCTURE

Candidates are to be follow the fee structure available for respective colleges as approved by Government from time to time. The details will be available from respective institutions

The Fees to be deposited shall be as under:

1. For Government Medical/ Dental Colleges - Rs. 37,950/- per annum.

NB: Hostel and Additional fees as prescribed by concerned University / College may be collected at Institutional level which may vary from institution to institution.

2. The Fees to be deposited for MBBS course in Private Medical Colleges:

- * Hi-Tech MCH Bhubaneswar - Rs.6,50,000/- per annum,*
- * Hi-Tech MCH Rourkela - Rs.5,50,000/- per annum*
- * DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences & Hospital - Rs.6,50,000/- per annum.*

3. The Fees to be deposited for Private (Hi-Tech) Dental Colleges is Rs.3,00,000/- per annum.

4. NRI candidates have to pay four times of the above fees in private colleges.

5. University Registration fee of Rs.3500/- will be applicable to all the admitted candidates.

****NB: IN CASE OF ANY REVISION OF THE FEE STRUCTURE AS PER GOVERNMENT ORDER, THE SAME SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE APPLICABLE.***

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that the fee structure for Hi-Tech MCH Bhubaneswar as indicated in broacher i.e. Rs.6,50,000/- per annum, has been enhanced by notification dated 16.08.2025 of the State Government issued by the opposite



party No.1-Department to Rs.11,50,000/- for the academic session, 2025-26. Similarly, for the Hi-Tech MCH, Rourkela the fee structure has been enhanced from Rs.5,50,000/- to Rs.8,54,00/- for the academic session 2025-26.

It is submitted that the students are facing immense hardship, as with much difficulty they have to arrange for financial assistance including Bank loan (education loan) and the increase at the time of admission by a substantial amount is irrational and arbitrary.

8. Issue notice along with this order.

Since the learned Additional Government has appeared for opposite party No. 1 and 2, Mr. A. Mishra with Mr. S. Palit, learned Sr. counsel have entered appearance for opposite party No.3 and Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel has entered appearance for opposite parties No.4 & 5, no further notices be issued to the said opposite parties.

9. Issue notice to opposite party No.6-Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar and opposite party No.7-Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Rourkela by Speed Post with AD. Requisites for issuance of notice be filed during course of the day, fixing early returnable date. Dasti service is also permitted.

10. Awaiting service, list this matter on 26th August, 2025.

I.A. No.14015 of 2025 (W.P.(C) No.23223 of 2025),

I.A. No.14100 of 2025 (W.P.(C) No.23448 of 2025)

&

I.A. No.14327 of 2025 (W.P.(C) No.23632 of 2025)

11. Heard.



Issue notice as above.

Accept one set of process fee and postal requisites for issuance of notice along with the writ petitions.

12. In the interim, it is directed that the collection of fee amount as specified in notification dated 16.08.2025 and the deposit of any fee as indicated in the notification dated 16.08.2025 if made by any of the students in the present writ petition, the same shall be subject to final result of the writ petition and without prejudice to the rights and contentions of petitioners-students in the present batch of writ petitions and the opposite parties No.6 and 7-Institutions.

Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

Parties can act on website copy of the order.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge.

Narayan/Ranjeeta