



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.25814 of 2025

Mani Bhoi

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Petitioner

Represented by

Mr. P.K. Satapathy, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Others

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Opp. Parties

Represented by

Mr. S.N. Patnaik,

Additional Government Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

10.10.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The petitioner is aggrieved by order dated 08.07.2025 passed by the Collector, Khurda, whereby the representation of the petitioner has been rejected. The facts of the case are that the petitioner was one of the applicants for engagement as Village Resource Person (VRP) of Amanakuda Gram Panchayat pursuant to the advertisement dated 23.10.2024.
3. In the selection process, one Subhalaxmi Padhi (Opposite Party No.6) was selected as she was found to be more meritorious. The petitioner approached this Court in W.P.(C) No.10343 of 2025, which was disposed of directing the Collector to consider the representation of the petitioner. Accordingly, the Collector took up the representation and after considering the relevant facts and contentions raised, was not inclined to accept the submissions of the petitioner.



4. This Court has perused the impugned order. It is evident that in the selection process the Opposite Party No.6 secured thirty out of forty marks whereas, the petitioner secured twenty-six marks. The petitioner claims priority on the ground that he belongs to a lower income group and that his income is less.

5. This Court is unable to accept the above contention particularly when a person more meritorious than him was found suitable and selected. Under such circumstances, this Court finds no reason to interfere with the impugned order. The writ application is therefore, dismissed.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

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