



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

**W.P.(C) No.27487 of 2026
CNR No. ODHHC010652312026**

The Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., ***Petitioner***
Cuttack

Mr. S. Nanda, Advocate

-versus-

Registrar, Co-operative Societies, ***Opposite Parties***
Odisha, Bhubaneswar and others

Mr. S.N. Nayak, A.S.C.

Mr. S.B. Jena, Advocate for caveator

**CORAM:
JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY**

**ORDER
29.08.2026**

Order No.

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1. Heard Mr. S. Nanda, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. S.N. Nayak, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-Opposite Parties.

2. Mr. S.B. Jena, learned counsel submits that he has filed a caveat petition on behalf of certain share-holders. But unfortunately, the Petitioner did not array them as parties. However, Mr. Jena prays to file an application for intervention in the present writ petition as soon as possible. He prays for service of a copy of the writ petition to him.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the brief on Mr. S.B. Jena in course of the day.

4. The Petitioner is continuing as President of the Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Cuttack. His grievance is that, after the Reserve Bank of India has approved reappointment of present



CEO vide the order dated 16th July 2026 for a term till 31st July 2027, in terms of Section 35-B(1)(b) of the Banking Regulation Act read with Section 56 of the Act. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies vide impugned order dated 17.08.2026 has directed to appoint DRCS in the post of Chief Executive Officer without any prior approval of the RBI either regarding termination of present CEO or regarding appointment of DRCS as the CEO.

5. Issue notice. Mr. S.N. Nayak, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice for the State-Opposite Parties 1 & 5.

6. Notice may be issued to Opposite Parties 2 to 4 by speed post with A.D. fixing a short returnable date. Requisites shall be filed within three working days. Office is directed to collect the postal tracking report.

7. List this matter on 25th September 2026.

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8. It is submitted by the Petitioner that in the meantime the DRCS has taken charge of the post of the CEO pursuant to the impugned order dated 17.08.2026.

9. In view of such submission, this Court does not feel it proper to grant any interim relief at the present stage.

10. The I.A. may lie over.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge