



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPC (OAC) No.2823 & 2824 of 2018

*Sukant Sahoo & Others*

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*Petitioners*

*Represented by*

*Mr. K.K. Swain, Advocate*

- Versus -

*State of Odisha & Others*

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*Opp. Parties*

*Represented by*

*Mr. S.N. Patnaik,*

*Addl. Government Advocate*

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA**

**ORDER**

**29.07.2025**

**Order No.**

**21.**

1. These matters are taken up through hybrid mode.
2. As directed, learned State counsel has obtained written instructions in the form of a letter issued by the Director of Higher Secondary Education, addressed to the learned Advocate General.
3. The sum and substance of the letter is that the petitioners could not figure in the select list and that persons more meritorious than them also could not be appointed at the relevant time for want of vacancies.
4. In view of the contentions raised, this Court feels that the instruction so obtained does not adequately serve the purpose.
5. The State counsel is directed to obtain further instructions, particularly with regard to the select list and the placement of the petitioners therein vis-à-vis other candidates. If necessary, an affidavit be filed.



6. List these matters on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.
7. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date.

**(Sashikanta Mishra)**  
**Judge**

*Puspanjali*