



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.28634 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010684672026

Suchitra Das and others

.... Petitioners

Mr. D.N. Rath, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

.... Opposite Parties

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

CORAM:

JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER

03.09.2026

Order No.

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

2. It is submitted on behalf of the Petitioners that they were initially appointed prior to 03.09.2001 on regular basis and presently are serving as Level-V(B) Teachers under the Elementary Education Cadre. The authorities are now taking steps for promotion of Teachers to Level-IV Grade in the Elementary Cadre and their names have been deleted from the final Gradation List of Level-V(B) Teachers.

3. It is further submitted that the Petitioner No.6 has been passed the OTET Examination on 02.09.2026 (Yesterday) pursuant to the observation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Anjuman Ishaat-e-Taleem Trust vs. The State of Maharashtra and others, 2025 SCC OnLine SC 1912*.



4. The grievance of the Petitioners is that complete deletion of their names from the final Gradation List on the ground of lack of OTET qualification is violation of Rule 15 of the 1997 Rules.

5. Issue notice. Mr. S.N. Nayak, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice for Opposite Parties 1 to 3.

6. List this matter on 4th November, 2026.

I.A. No.17176 of 2026

7. As an interim measure, it is directed that one post in Level-IV Grade in Elementary Cadre in respect of Puri district may be kept vacant till 4th November 2026.

8. An urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge