



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.29184 of 2026

CNR NO: ODHC010700122026

Madhu Digal and Others

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Petitioners

Mr. K.K. Swain, Advocate

-versus-

***State of Odisha, represented through its
Commissioner-cum-Secretary, School
and Mass Education Department and
Others***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. S.N. Nayak, ASC

CORAM:

SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER

9.9.2026

Order No.

- 01.
1. Heard Mr. K.K. Swain, learned counsel for the petitioners.
 2. The petitioners have challenged the placement of private opposite parties above them mainly on the ground that those private opposite parties have acquired minimum qualification of graduation later to the petitioners; and secondly, the petitioners, who belong to SC and ST category, have to be considered against UR vacancies for promotion since they acquired the qualification on their own merit, in terms of Rule 3-A of the Orissa Civil Service (Criteria for Promotion) Rules, 1992.
 3. Issue notice. Mr. S.N. Nayak, learned ASC accepts notice for opposite parties No.1 to 5. Notice be issued to opposite parties No.6 to 11 by Speed Post with A.D. fixing short returnable date. Requisites for the same shall be filed within three working days. Office is directed to collect the postal tracking report.
 4. List the matter on 1st December, 2026.



I.A. No.17511 of 2026

02. 5. As an interim measure, it is directed that the promotion, if any, given to opposite parties No.6 to 11, in the meantime, shall be subject to final result of the writ petition.
6. The I.A. is disposed of.
7. An urgent certified copy of this order be issued on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K.Panda