

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**W.P.(C) No.30020 of 2023**

***Trailokya Nayak & others*** .... ***Petitioners***

Mr. B.P.B. Bahali  
Advocate

***State of Odisha and others*** **-versus-** .... ***Opposite Parties***  
Mr.S. Das, A.G.A.

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA**

**ORDER**  
**27.9.2023.**

**Order No.**

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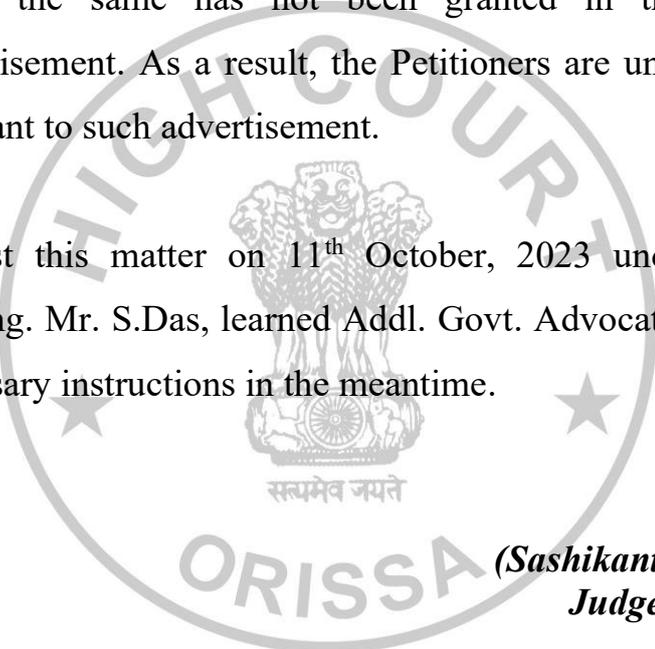
1. This matter is taken up through virtual mode.

2. This matter was heard and kept reserved for judgment. However, it was brought to the notice of this Court on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 that in several similar matters, interim orders have been passed granting opportunity to the Petitioners therein to be appear in the examination in question. All such matters are posted for final disposal. Though this matter has been heard yet, it would be in the interest of justice to hear all the

matters together afresh as common questions of facts and law are involved.

3. All the Petitioners have challenged the advertisement dated 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 for filling up 826 posts of Fireman and 115 posts of Fireman Driver. It is their grievance that despite notification of the Government relaxing the upper age limit from 32 to 38 years for the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023, the same has not been granted in the impugned advertisement. As a result, the Petitioners are unable to apply pursuant to such advertisement.

4. List this matter on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 under the same heading. Mr. S.Das, learned Addl. Govt. Advocate shall obtain necessary instructions in the meantime.

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

**I.A. No.14480 of 2023**

05. In the meantime, the Petitioners shall be permitted to appear in the recruitment test by accepting their forms in the Offline/Online mode, but their results shall not be published without leave of the Court. Copies of the offline forms be supplied to the Petitioners by the Opposite Party-authorities and such forms after being duly filled up, be submitted by the Petitioners before the authorities, which shall be accepted and

acted upon. If possible, they may also be allowed to submit their applications Online.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

*(Sashikanta Mishra)*  
*Judge*

*AKB*

