



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.32176 of 2025

Rajat Kumar Tanty and others

Petitioners

Represented by Adv. –
Ms. Sthiti Pragyan Sunandini,

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. S.K. Parhi, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

26.02.2026

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02. 1. These matters are taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as the learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners, in course of her argument, referred to the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in *Avimanyu Nayak Vrs. State of Odisha & others* in Writ Appeal No.372 of 2016 and batch of similar appeals, which were disposed of by a common judgment dated 09.01.2018.
4. On perusal of the said judgment relied upon by the learned counsel for the Petitioners in support of her contention, this Court observes that the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court while deciding an identical issue that with regard to securing



minimum qualifying mark to be eligible to get admission in the B.Ed. Course as an in-service candidate in Paras-13 and 14 of the judgment has come to a conclusion that there exists no such provision for securing minimum mark in the graduation to be appointed as a TGT. Further, in paragraph-14 of the judgment, it has specifically held that Clause-3.12 of the Information Brochure for admission of in-service candidates to Teachers' Training Course, namely, B.Ed. course and the restriction of minimum qualifying marks in graduation is not applicable to the in-service candidates and, accordingly, it has been directed that such restriction shall not be imposed for the in-service candidates for taking admission into B.Ed. course.

5. Learned counsel for the State sought for some time to obtain specific instruction with regard to the applicability of the judgment of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in *Avimanyu Nayak's* case (supra) to the facts of the present case and, accordingly, apprise this Court on the next date.

6. List this matter in the week commencing 16th March, 2026.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

Debasis