



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.182 of 2026

Madhusmita Chhotray and others

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv. -
Sourav Das

-versus-

State Of Odisha and another

.....

Opposite Parties

Mr. C.M. Singh, ASC

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

05.05.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
 2. Learned counsel for the State files a copy of instruction dated 05.05.2026 of the office of special duty of the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha. The same is taken on record.
 3. On perusal of the instruction, it appears that the State Government has already filed a writ appeal bearing W.A. No.3344 of 2024 which is yet to be adjudicated wherein the State-Opposite Parties have challenged the common judgment dated 13.11.2024 passed by the learned Coordinate Bench in W.P.(C) Nos.36125 of 2023, 8115 of 2024, 8155 of 2024. By virtue of the common judgment dated 13.11.2024 the learned Coordinate Bench had quashed the advertisement No.4 of 2024 and granted liberty to the State Selection Board to issue a fresh advertisement by prescribing the qualification as per the UGC Regulation, 2018.



4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at this juncture contended that although the writ appeal had listed on several occasions, however, the same has not yet been admitted and no interim order has been passed therein. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the common judgment dated 13.11.2024 is still operative.

5. However, taking into consideration the submission made by the learned counsel for the State and keeping in view the fact that the writ appeal is pending before the Division Bench, this Court grants four weeks' time to the State-Opposite Parties to take steps for early disposal of the writ appeal.

6. List this matter in the week commencing 29.06.2026.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

S.K. Rout