

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

**W.P.(C) No.18137 of 2016**

***Bidyadhar Mallick***

....

***Petitioners***

Mr. P.K. Satapathy, Advocate

***-versus-***

***State of Odisha and Another***

....

***Opposite Parties***

Mr. P.K. Muduli, Addl. Govt. Advocate

**CORAM:**

**THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**JUSTICE M.S. RAMAN**

**Order No.**

**ORDER**

**13.04.2022**

05. 1. The Petitioner was 42 years old when the present petition was filed. Today, he is well over 48 years old. In view of Rule 9 (c) of the Orissa Superior Judicial Service and Orissa Judicial Service Rules, 2007 a person above 45 years cannot be appointed as a direct District Judge.
2. In that view of the matter, the petition has been rendered infructuous and it is disposed of as such.

***(Dr. S. Muralidhar)***  
***Chief Justice***

***(M.S. Raman)***  
***Judge***