IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 34067 of 2026
(CNR No. ODHC010800882026)

Smt. Sumitra Devi …. **Petitioner**

Mr. K. K. Sahu, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others …. **Opposite Parties**

Mr. C.M. Singh, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
05.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. Sahu, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Singh, learned ASC for the State.

2. Instant writ petition is filed by the petitioner to direct opposite party No.4 for her appointment in the post of Warden in Kasturaba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Bhabarada, Polasara Block in the district of Ganjam declaring selection/appointment of opposite party No.5 as illegal and liable to be quashed on the grounds stated.

3. An advertisement was published as per Annexure-1 inviting applications from aspirants for the post of Warden and it was applied by the petitioner being a local resident of Bhabarada, as preference was to be given to the local resident. A copy of the residential certificate is at Annexure-3. The petitioner belongs to SEBC category. A copy of the caste certificate is at Annexure-4. Mr. Sahu, learned counsel would

submit that the name of the petitioner was not in the draft list at Annexure-7 and on an objection vide Annexure-6, her name was finally included therein and she was called for document verification but strangely enough, once again, was not included in the final list published by opposite party No.4 as per Annexure-8 and in the meantime, one Anjali Rout has been appointed as a Warden and only after receiving objection, one Subarna Polei was given appointment as against the schools and while claiming so, the final select list at Annexure-8 is referred. It is claimed that said Anjali Rout is not a local resident and her name does not find place in the final merit list and in the meantime, alleging such, the petitioner has approached opposite party No.4 with the representation at Annexure-9 series, which may perhaps be directed to be disposed of at the earliest.

4. Recorded the submission of Mr. Singh, learned ASC for the State.

5. The petitioner's plea is about not being included in the final merit list despite having secured more marks than Anjali Rout. The final select list reveals the name of the petitioner scoring 65.63% of marks and claiming that other candidate appointed in the meantime named hereinabove secured 64.91%. Considering the plea of the petitioner as above and recording the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party No.4 to enquire about it dealing with the representations at Annexure-9 series

dated 31st August, 2026 and 02nd September, 2026 and to take a decision thereon at the earliest.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, the writ petition stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid for compliance by opposite party No.4 after providing an opportunity of hearing to opposite party No.5 and to pass appropriate order on the representations at Annexure-9 series at the earliest preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. Urgent copy of this order be issued as per the rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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