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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.34253 of 2026 and 34262 of 2026

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CNR No.ODHC010809712026

Lingaraj College of Nursing (LCN), Bhubaneswar .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. G.P.Jena, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. .... ***Opposite Parties***

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Mr. R.C.Mohanty, Advocate for O.P.2 and 3

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CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY
MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER
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02. 1. Heard Mr. Jena, learned counsel for the Petitioners, Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel for Opposite Parties 2 and 3 and Mr. Nayak, learned ASC for the State.

2. The same institution in both the cases have prayed for grant of NOC and renewal of NOC to pursue the GNM course and B.Sc. Nursing course respectively, which were rejected by the authority. W.P.(C) No.34253 of 2026 is in respect of rejection of fresh NOC for imparting GNM course and W.P.(C) No.34262 of 2026 is relating to renewal of grant of NOC to impart the B.Sc. Nursing course. As per the respective rejection orders, the prayer for grant of NOC to impart GNM course has been rejected on the ground that the Petitioner–institution did not have separate building for imparting said course and in respect of grant of renewal of NOC for imparting B.Sc. Nursing course the prayer has been rejected on the ground that the institution did not join in the virtual inspection within the scheduled time.

3. As seen from the impugned order under Annexure-2 in W.P.(C) No.34253 of 2026, the institution building was repeated and not clarified in the video call. Whereas in the impugned order under

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Annexure-4 in W.P.(C) No.34262 of 2026, the renewal of NOC was rejected on the ground that the institution did not join in the virtual inspection within the scheduled time. Thus, a doubt arose in our mind that if the institution was not verified in virtual mode or physically in respect of B.Sc. Nursing course, how the authorities come to opine that the same building is repeated in respect of GNM course ?

4. It is submitted by Mr. Mohanty that the last date for admission into nursing course including GNM course is till 15th November 2026 and so, there is shortage of time to have physical verification of the infrastructure building in order to grant NOC afresh or on renewal.

5. Mr. Jena, learned counsel for the Petitioner at this stage undertakes that the Petitioner– institution will not admit any student in the B.Sc. Nursing course or GNM course for the session 2026-27 even if NOC is granted/ renewed in favour of the institution.

6. Keeping in view the discrepancy as discussed above, we direct Opposite Parties 2 and 3 to reconsider the prayer of grant of NOC and renewal of NOC in respect of the courses in both the writ petitions afresh. If required, the authorities may conduct a fresh inspection physically on a date suitably fixed.

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7. Accordingly, the impugned orders with respect to rejection of NOC in respect of Petitioner– institution is quashed and the authorities are directed to reconsider the prayer of the Petitioner for grant/ renewal of NOC afresh, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

8. Both the writ petitions are disposed of accordingly.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

S.Das