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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.37108 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010876592026

Kuntala Devi College of Nursing, Bhubaneswar .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. M.K. Khuntia, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.N. Nayak, ASC
Mr. R.C.Mohanty, Advocate for O.P.2 and 3

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

ORDER
10.11.2026

Order No.

02. 1. Heard Mr. M.K. Khuntia, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. R.C. Mohanty, learned counsel for Opposite Parties No.2 and 3 and Mr. S.N. Nayak, learned ASC for the State.

2. The Petitioner has challenged the order of rejection to grant renewal of NOC. According to the submission of the Petitioner, the order of rejection of renewal of NOC by the authorities concerned is not sustainable as they have rejected its prayer without proper verification, despite the Petitioner has fulfilled the deficiencies pointed out.

3. Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel for Opposite Parties 2 and 3 (DMET and Odisha Nursing Council) submits that since the last date of taking admission of students for nursing courses is till 15th November

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2026, at this stage it would be difficult on the part of the authorities to conduct fresh inspection and to consider the grant of renewal of NOC.

4. At this stage, Mr. Khuntia, learned counsel, undertakes on behalf of the Petitioner that the Petitioner– institution will not admit the students for the current academic session 2026-27 even if the NOC is granted in its favour. According to Mr. Khuntia, the renewal of NOC is required for the Petitioner– institution as a matter of continuity.

5. Considering the submissions of both parties and taking note of the fact that, the Petitioner– institution has complied with the deficiencies pointed out by the authorities, Opposite Parties 2 and 3 are directed to reconsider the prayer of the Petitioner afresh for grant of renewal of NOC in respect of its institution for continuity for the academic session 2026-27 to impart nursing courses, in accordance with law, upon physical inspection, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. With aforesaid observation and direction the writ petition is disposed of.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

S.Das