IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.38656 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010912042026

Bichitrananda Rout .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. P. Sabat, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. P.K. Ray, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

Order No. **19.11.2026**

01. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Though the matter was neither on the board nor in the assignment list of this Bench, in absence of the regular Bench having assignment and the matters of Court No.1 being assigned to this Bench for today only, on being mentioned showing urgency, the matter is taken up vide a special list at 2:00 P.M.

3. The present writ petition has been preferred with the following prayer:

"***PRAYER***

The Petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

a) Admit the present writ petition and issue notice to the Opposite Parties;

b) Quash the impugned Letter No.6592/Ops (Con.) dated 11.11.2026, issued by Opposite Party No.3, vide Annexure-1, and Letter No.22979/Pers-II dated 17.06.2026, issued by Opposite Party No.7, vide Annexure-4, being

illegal and arbitrary;

c) *Direct Opposite Party No.7 to consider the dispose of the Petitioners' representation dated 26.07.2026, vide Annexure-3 within a stipulated period;*

d) *Direct the Opposite Parties to consider the Petitioners for undergoing the Armourer Basic Course Training along with the Constables/Sepoys of the Battalion Cadre and District Cadre, in the interest of justice.*

e) *And any further order/orders this court may deem fit and proper may pass in favour of the Petitioners.*

And for act of kindness this court may deem fit and proper may pass in favour of the petitioner."

4. Heard learned Counsel for the Petitioner, so also Mr. Ray, learned AGA, who accepts notice on behalf of the Opposite Parties and admits to have received copy of the brief.

5. During the course of hearing, learned Counsel for the Petitioner files a photocopy of Letter No.4363/SAP dated 03.09.2016 issued by the D.C.(ADMN. & TRG.), SAP Headquarters, Cuttack, addressed to the Assistant Director, BPSPA, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, and others, as detailed in the said communication.

6. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, relying on the said document submits that the Petitioner, along with others, having secured 60% or above marks in the screening test, their names were recommended for preparation of the gradation list in the prescribed proforma for onward transmission to the S.P. Headquarters. Still the Petitioner's case was not considered for Armourer Basic Course Training.

7. At this stage, learned State Counsel, drawing attention of this Court to the order dated 22.07.2026 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench in W.P.(C) No.22140 of 2026, as at Annexure-2 series, submits that a similar prayer was made in the said writ petition, challenging the notification dated 17.06.2026. However, the said writ petition was disposed of at the stage of admission, permitting the Petitioners therein to submit individual representations before the authority concerned, ventilating their grievance, with a further direction to Opposite Party No.6 to do well to dispose of the said representation within six weeks from the date of its receipt and communicate the outcome of such consideration to the Petitioners within the said period.

8. At this stage, learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits, pursuant to the aforesaid direction, the Petitioner submitted a representation dated 26.07.2026 before the D.I.G. of Police (Personnel), Odisha, Police Headquarters, Buxi Bazar, Cuttack in person and also forwarded a copy thereof through e-mail. However, the authority concerned is yet to take a decision thereon, as directed by the Co-ordinate Bench in W.P.(C) No. 22140 of 2026.

9. It is further submitted that, apart from the notification dated 17.06.2026, another notification dated 11.11.2026 has been issued for conducting a written examination of eligible and willing male/female Constables/Sepoys for selection to undergo the Armourer Basic Course Training for the year 2026, which is scheduled to be held on 21.11.2026. Learned Counsel for

the Petitioner further submits, the Petitioner had already qualified in the screening test conducted in the year 2016 by securing 60% or above marks, as reflected in the Letter dated 03.09.2016.

10. Having regard to the fact that the Co-ordinate Bench has already directed the authority concerned to take a decision on the representation dated 26.07.2026, as at Annexure-3 series, this Court is of the view that the grievance of the Petitioner can appropriately be addressed by directing the authority concerned to act in terms of the aforesaid order.

11. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of at the stage of admission, with a direction to the authority concerned to take a decision on the Petitioner's representation at the earliest, in terms of the order passed by the Co-ordinate Bench in W.P.(C) No.22140 of 2026 and in accordance with law.

12. It is further directed that, while disposing of the representation dated 26.07.2026, the Petitioner, if found qualified and otherwise eligible, be permitted to undergo the Armourer Basic Course Training.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application as per rules.

(S.K. MISHRA)
JUDGE

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