



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P. (C) NO.23616 OF 2026

CNR No. ODHC010566082026

Aakash Behera

.... Petitioner

Mr. Satya Sundar Kanungo, Advocate

-versus-

Union of India and another

.... Opp. Parties

Mr. Asutosh Mohanty, CGC (for O.P. No.1)

Mr. Kausik Dey, Advocate
(for O.P. No.2)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

25.08.2026

Order No.

04.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
2. The petitioner in this writ petition prays for the following relief:

“ In the aforesaid premises, it is therefore most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

(I) Issue an appropriate writ directing the Opposite Parties to accept and verify the Petitioner's Class-XII marksheet and other requisite documents notwithstanding the expiry of the prescribed upload period, treating the delay as sufficiently explained on account of the Petitioner's hospitalization during the relevant period.

(II) Issue an appropriate writ directing the Opposite Parties to permit the Petitioner to participate in the counselling process for admission into the BS-MS Dual Degree Programme and other eligible undergraduate programmes offered through USER Aptitude Test (IAT), 2026, in accordance with his merit position and reservation category.

(III) In the alternative, direct the Opposite Parties to conduct a special verification of the Petitioner's candidature and, if found otherwise eligible, to consider him for allotment of a seat against an available Scheduled Caste seat in the ongoing or subsequent round of counselling, or by creating an appropriate supernumerary seat, so that the Petitioner is not deprived of an academic year for reasons beyond his control.

Pass such other order or further order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.”



3. Heard Mr. Kanungo, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Dey, learned counsel for Joint Admission Committee (JAC) and Mr. Mohanty, learned Central Government Counsel for Secretary, Ministry of Education-Opposite Party No.1.

4. The issue involved in this writ petition is with regard to uploading of document(s) at the time of submission of the application for admission of different courses at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER). Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner had uploaded the document in question after the stipulated period. Mr. Dey, learned counsel for JAC submitted on instruction from the TATA Consultancy Services, who was responsible in maintaining the entire system of admission process including uploading of applications and documents on verification made a declaration that the Class 12 (twelve) mark sheet was uploaded on 1st July, 2026 i.e. after the cut-off date.

5. Mr. Kanungo, learned counsel for the Petitioner, after a lengthy hearing, submits that the Petitioner is ready and willing to make a representation to take admission, if seats are available after the entire admission process is over and, in that case, case of the Petitioner may be considered accordingly.

6. In view of such submission, this Court without delving into the merit of the contention raised by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, disposes of the writ petition with a direction that in the event, Petitioner makes a representation with the relevant document(s) to the Chairperson Joint Admission Committee, 2026-Opposite Party No.2, the same shall be considered in accordance



with law within a period of seven days therefrom and the result thereof shall be communicated to the Petitioner forthwith.

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

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

Jyostna/Radha