



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.25874 OF 2026

CNR ODHC010609702026

***Gandhi Institute of Nursing and
Sciences, Khordha***

.... Petitioner

Mr. Devi Prasad Dash, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

.... Opp. Parties

Mr. Subha Bikash Panda,
Additional Government Advocate
(For the State)

Mr. Rajani Chandra Mohanty, Advocate
(For DMET)

CORAM:

JUSTICE KRUSHNARAM MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

17.08.2026

Order No.

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The Petitioner-Institution is imparting nursing courses and other allied subjects, who has applied for NOC/renewal of NOC for the academic session 2026-27. Its application for grant of NOC/renewal of NOC has been rejected on the ground that there are certain deficiencies in making application. Pursuant to the order dated 29th July, 2026 passed in W.P.(C) No.8757 of 2026, the DMET sought for clarification/approval from the State Government for reconsideration of cases of nursing institutions where NOC/renewal of NOC for the academic session 2026-27 have been rejected as per the office notification dated 27th



February, 2026 and 9th June, 2026 respectively. The proposal for reconsideration of the cases of the Institutions has been approved by the State Government. Accordingly, Letter No.18434/MET dated 10th August, 2026 [Annexure-A/2 to the affidavit filed on 11th August, 2026 in W.P.(C) No. 8757 of 2026] has been issued by the Director, Medical Education and Training, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel representing them indicating as under:-

*“Sub:-In reference to Order dtd.29.07.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Court in W.P(c) No.8757/2026.
Sir,*

In obedience to the Order dtd.29.07.2026 of the Hon'ble Court passed in W.P(c) No.8757/2026, the DMET (O) had sought for clarification/approval from the State Government for reconsideration of the cases of the Nursing Institutions whose NOC/Renewal of NOC for the session 2026-27 have been rejected as per the Order/Notification dtd.27.02.2026 & 09.06.2026 respectively.

The State Government has allowed the DMET to reconsider the applications subject to fulfillment of the deficiencies as per the existing guidelines issued by Govt. from time to time for the academic session 2026-27.

In view of the approval of the Govt. for reconsideration of the cases of the Institutions, you are hereby requested to apprise the Hon'ble Court to allow the DMET(O)-cum-Chairman, ONMRC, to reconsider the cases of the Institutions whose cases have been rejected due to the deficiencies pointed out in the rejection order dtd.27.02.2026 for NOC & Renewal NOC dtd.09.06.2026 for the academic session 2026-27, if the deficiencies are complied with, which have been pointed out along with the Fire Safety Certificate, and allow the authority 15 days' time for consideration of their cases.

Moreover, the Hon'ble Court's directions for consideration of the cases may be limited only to those Institutions who have approached the Hon'ble Court for redressal of their Prayer through their respective Writ Petitions.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Director Medical Education & Training, Odisha”



3. In the said letter, it was indicated that if the deficiencies pointed out are rectified and fire safety certificate is produced then the authority may be allowed 15 days' time for reconsideration of the cases of the different nursing institutions.

4. Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel for the DMET also reiterates the contents of the letter and submits that if a window of 15 days is provided by this Court to consider the applications after rectifying the deficiencies, then the DMET shall reconsider the same.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submit that seven days' time may be allowed from today for rectification of the deficiencies and submit the documents complete in all respect to the DMET either through e-mail or physically for reconsideration.

6. Mr. Mohanty, learned counsel for the DMET does not have any objection to such suggestion.

7. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction that if the Petitioner-Institution rectify the deficiencies/defects and submits the same complete in all respect with the DMET in between 17th August, 2026 to 24th August, 2026 (inclusion of both the dates in the official hour), then DMET shall reconsider the same by 11th September, 2026 and publish the same in the website of DMET.

8. It is needless to say that the Petitioner-Institution shall cooperate with the inspection/verification for grant of NOC in respect of its institution.



9. It is further made clear that the institutions who have not filed any writ petitions shall also be eligible to avail this opportunity for reconsideration of the applications whose NOC has been rejected by notification dated 27th February, 2026 and 9th June, 2026 may also avail this opportunity.

10. It is further made clear that the time period granted shall not be extended at any cost at the instance of any of the parties to the writ petitions. This order has been passed taking into consideration the interest of the students who are interested in pursuing the courses.

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

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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