



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.25392 OF 2026

CNR ODHC010607242026

Ms. Tamanna

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Petitioner

Ms. Adisha Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

***Joint Admission Committee (JAC)
2026, Ganjam and others***

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Advocate
(for JAC)

Mr. Satya Sindhu Kashyap,
Senior Panel Counsel
(for Union of India)

CORAM:

JUSTICE KRUSHNARAM MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

20.08.2026

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02. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Petitioner in this writ petition prays for the following relief:

“In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon’ble Court may graciously be pleased to admit the Writ Petition, issue Rule Nisi Calling upon the Opposite Parties to show cause as to why the Petitioner shall not be included in the 3rd round of counselling under the OBC-NCL Category;

And if the Opposite Parties fail to show cause or show insufficient cause, then the said Rule be made absolute by directing the Opposite Parties to immediately proceed with the inclusion of the Petitioner in the 3rd round of counselling for admission into the BS-MS program under the OBC-NCL category;

And pass such further order or orders as this Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts



and circumstances of the case to meet the ends of justice.”

3. Heard Ms. Mohanty, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Gupta, learned counsel for Joint Admission Committee (JAC) and Mr. Kashyap, learned Senior Panel Counsel for Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India-Opposite Party No.3.

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). In one hand, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner had uploaded the document in question within the stipulated period, but on the other hand, Mr. Gupta, 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 no such document has been uploaded within the stipulated period or even thereafter.

5. Ms. Mohanty, 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 any 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.1, 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

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