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Non-gazetted officers demand job security

ROURKELA: Odisha State Non-Gazetted Officers' Coordination Committee (OSNGOCC) on Friday launched a scathing attack on top bureaucrats in Naveen Patnaik Government accusing them of conspiring to destabilise the Government by hurting the interests of district-level non-gazetted officers and all categories of ministerial staff.

The OSNGOCC, a federal body of different non-gazetted officers' and employees' associations in Odisha, conducted a convention at Sundargarh district headquarters town to mobilise members in large scale to protect their rights and ensure administrative reforms for good governance. About 200 delegates from 10 Western Odisha districts attended and similar conventions would subsequently take place in Bhadrak and Rayagada to cover the rest of the districts, said general secretary, OSNGOCC, Braja Kishore Nanda.

Among other things, Nanda pointed out that when the Government was facing criticism over growing unemployment, about 4,000 regular junior clerks were appointed in all districts in 2013.

After three years of service, efforts are being made to revert their appointments to contractual basis. Such decisions are not applicable to non-gazetted officers and Ministerial employees at the Secretariat or offices of Head of Departments who throughout their careers enjoy good pay, he added. He demanded pay parity, removal of discrimination, better service conditions, job security and also removal of contractual appointments.

Senior leaders PK Tripathy, Pradip Joshi, DK Pati, AB Swain, Pravakar Mishra, Sunanda Kanungo and LD Kalo also spoke.