



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.440 of 2026

Debasish Nayak

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Petitioner

Mr. Debidutta Mohapatra, Advocate

-versus-

***Manoj Kumar Pattnaik, Secretary
Cum Deputy Secretary (In Charge),
Food Supplies and Consumer,
Bhubaneswar***

....

Opposite Party

Mr. U.C. Behura, AGA

CORAM:

JUSTICE KRISHNA S. DIXIT

JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

Order No.

ORDER

01.07.2026

04. I.A. No.284 of 2026

An Application in I.A. No.284 of 2026 supported by an affidavit seeks modification of our order dated 23.03.2026 whereby a heavy cost of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) was levied on the official concerned. who was personally present before the Court.

2. Learned AGA, Mr. Behura, in his inevitable style, submits that the cost is not only high; the levy itself is not justified in the circumstance of the case, more particularly when the consideration of Opposite Party Employee's representation has been in the positive tone.

3. Learned counsel for the Employee on being asked, whether relief has been accorded to him as has been sought for in the subject representation, very fairly submits, it has been. At



times, Court awards costs to ensure scrupulous compliance with its orders and to obviate the necessity of driving a litigant into repeated rounds of litigation.

4. In the above circumstances, and having regard to the subsequent compliance reported before this Court, we are of the considered view that the order imposing costs deserves to be recalled. Accordingly, that part of our order dated 23.03.2026 directing payment of costs of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) stands recalled.

I. A. is accordingly disposed off.

(Krishna S. Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge