



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.686 of 2026

Basanta Kumar Barik

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. - M/s
S.c. Acharya ,
A.mohanty,a.p
Dhirsamanta,c.r Dash

-versus-

Aravind Agarwal, IAS,
Commissioner cum Secretary
Higher Education Deptt. &
Ors.

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Opposite
Parties/Contemnors

Represented by Adv. -Mr.
C.M.Singh, A.S.C.

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No.

01.05.2026

03. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors on the basis of the order dated 30.04.2026 submitted before this Court that 30.04.2026 of the Department of Higher Education, a copy of which was filed in Court today and taken on record, submitted before this Court that the order passed by this Court on 26.11.2021 in WPC(OA) No.616 of 2017 which was confirmed in writ appeal No.920 of 2022 and in SLP(C) No.12860 of 2024 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 12.11.2025 has already been complied with and a recommendation has been made to the Principal, Shailabala Women's (Autonomous) College, Cuttack to



regularise the service of the Petitioner against the sanctioned vacant post of the Gardener in the college with effect from the date of issue of that order. It has also been mentioned that the Petitioner is eligible to avail the service benefits as is due and admissible under the rules from the date of regularisation. A copy of order dated 30.04.2026 be handed over to the learned counsel for the Petitioner.

3. In view of the aforesaid development, the contempt proceeding is dropped with liberty to the Petitioner to approach this Court again by filing a fresh writ application in the event the cause of action still survives.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

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