



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.401 of 2026

Nibedita Pradhan

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Petitioner

Mr. S. Parida, Advocate

-versus-

Shubha Sharma, IAS and another

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. P.P. Behera, ASC

Mr. A. Behera, Advocate (OP-2)

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

MR JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER

09.07.2026

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03. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. The writ petitions being W.P.(C) No.8290 and 15877 of 2016 were filed before this Court assailing the common order dated 22nd March, 2016 passed in O.A. No.3633(C) of 2015 and connected batch of cases. The division Bench of this Court, by the judgment/order dated 14th May, 2024, allowed the writ petitions in part thereby quashing a portion of the order and/or direction passed by the Odisha Administrative Tribunal (OAT) in the said proceedings and affirming the remaining portion. In the meantime, the State has taken a conscious decision to abolish the Administrative Tribunal set up for the State and all the cases which were pending in the said Tribunal were transmitted to this Court to be entertained by the Single Bench.
3. The present contempt application is taken out alleging conscious and deliberate violation of the remaining portion of



the order passed by the Tribunal, which stood affirmed by the division Bench in the aforementioned judgment.

4. Since the learned single Judge is in seisin of the matter and assumes jurisdiction to entertain the main proceedings, in our considered opinion, the contempt application would also be entertained by the learned single Judge. Mere affirmation of an order by an appellate forum does not take away the power of contempt conferred upon the Court, who passed the original order and, therefore, in order to maintain the comity and uniformity in this regard, let the instant contempt application be dealt with by the single Judge having an appropriate determination.

5. The Office is directed to place this matter before the single Bench having the determination in this regard.

(Dr.S.K.Panigrahi)
Judge

(G.Satapathy)
Judge

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