



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.1011 of 2026

*Purna Chandra Puhan* .... *Petitioner(s)*

*Mr. Ramesh Kumar Sahu, Adv.*  
-versus-

*Bhatruhari Bhuyan, O.A.S.*  
*(A), Tahasildar, Remuna,*  
*Balasore* ....

*Contemnor(s)/*  
*Opposite Party(s)*

*Ms. Sarita Moharana, ASC*

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI**

Order No.

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ORDER

24.03.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard.
3. It is submitted at the Bar that the State has filed its compliance affidavit only on 23.03.2026, despite being fully aware that the matter stood listed on 24.03.2026. The said affidavit appears to have been filed at the eleventh hour and in a rather hush-hush manner, as a result of which it has not been duly tagged with the present contempt petition in the records of this Court.
4. In view of such a casual approach adopted by the State authorities, the matter is rendered susceptible to avoidable adjournments, thereby occasioning unwarranted delay in



the proceedings which this Court deprecates and expects the authorities to eschew in future.

5. Accordingly, the Law Secretary, Government of Odisha, is directed to file a comprehensive affidavit indicating the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP), if any, governing the filing of counter affidavits, rejoinder affidavits, and any other additional affidavits before all Courts and Tribunals in the State. In the absence of any such SoP, the affidavit shall clearly set out the concrete steps proposed for the formulation and implementation of a uniform SoP to ensure timely filing of such affidavits across all Courts and Tribunals within the State by the Government Departments.

6. The aforesaid affidavit shall be filed within a period of four weeks from today. List this matter on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

7. A free copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State for compliance.

*(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)*  
*Judge*