



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.1329 of 2026

Chinmaya Pasayat & Anr. *Petitioner(s)*

Mr. Santosh Kumar Nanda, Adv.

-versus-

*Uday A Kaole, Chairman-
cum-Managing Director,
Mahanadi Coalfields
Limited, Samabalpur*

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

Mr. S.D. Das, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Haripad Mohanty, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

02.

ORDER

24.03.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Mr. S.D. Das, learned Senior Advocate, has filed his memo of appearance on behalf of the contemnor (s)/opposite Party (s), which is taken on record.
3. Mr. Das, learned Senior Advocate submits that MCL has, in the meantime, preferred a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court being Diary No.15883 of 2026, challenging the order dated 28.01.2026 passed by this Court in W.A. No.407 of 2025 as well as order dated 17.12.2024 passed in W.P.(C) No.459 of 2016.



4. In view of the pendency of the aforesaid SLP before the Supreme Court, this Court is of the considered opinion that it would not be appropriate to proceed further in the present contempt proceedings at this stage.

5. Accordingly, this Court is not inclined to pass any order at this stage.

6. The CONTC stands disposed of.

7. However, it is observed that in the event the orders passed by this Court are affirmed by the Supreme Court, the petitioner shall be at liberty to seek restoration of the present CONTC by filing an appropriate application in accordance with law.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge