



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**CONTC No.1678 of 2021**

***Panchanan Rout***

.... ***Petitioner***  
*Ms. S. Mohapatra, Advocate*

*-versus-*

***Surendra Kumar, IAS & ors.*** .... ***Opposite Parties/  
Contemnors***

*Mr. B. Nayak, AGA*

**CORAM: JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

**ORDER**

**12.02.2026**

**Order No.**

**16.**

This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

**2.** Vide order dated 22.12.2025, a detailed exhaustive order was passed by this Court referring to earlier orders so also the stand of the parties, including the stand of the Contemnor. It was observed vide the said order that, in view of the dismissal of SLP(C) No.7121 of 2020, thereby confirming the order passed in W.P.(C) No.13852 of 2005, a compliance affidavit has to be filed within six weeks from the said order. It was further observed vide the said order that, if the compliance affidavit is not filed within the said period, the Principal Secretary, Finance Department shall remain physically present before this Court on the adjourned date to explain as to why appropriate proceeding shall not be initiated against him under the Contempt of Courts' Act for willful flouting of the orders of this Court, as detailed in the said order.



3. Since the Compliance Affidavit is yet to be filed, as per the previous order dated 22.12.2025, the Principal Secretary, Finance Department ought to have remained present physically before this Court.
4. However, Mr. Nayak, learned AGA submits, he has received written instruction from Mr. Nihar Ranjan Panda, the Joint Secretary, Government of Odisha, Finance Department vide letter no.3956 dated 12.02.2026 and he be permitted a week's time to file Compliance/Show Cause Affidavit.
5. This Court expressing its displeasure regarding the conduct of the Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, is inclined to grant two weeks time as last chance to file Compliance/Show Cause Affidavit, failing which appropriate order will be passed on the adjourned date.
6. The matter be listed on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

*Banita*

**(S.K. MISHRA)**  
**JUDGE**