



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.1470 of 2025

Saroj Kumar Padhi

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Petitioner

Ms.Babita Kumari Pattanaik, Advocate

-versus-

VirVikram Yadav, IAS,
Principal Secretary, Works
Department, Bhubaneswar

....

Opposite Party

Mr.Saswat Das, Addl. Government Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

07.11.2025

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1. Mr.Saswat Das, learned Addl. Government Advocate files a copy of the compliance affidavit dated 29.10.2025 sworn to by the Principal Secretary to Government in Works Department in Court today by serving a copy thereof on Ms.Babita Kumari Pattanaik, learned Advocate for the petitioner, which is taken on record.

2. Mr.Das, learned Addl. Government Advocate submitted that challenging the order dated 01.10.2024 passed in W.P. (C) No.11825 of 2023, an Intra Court Appeal being W.A. No.977 of 2025 has been filed. However, a conscious decision is taken by the Government of Odisha in Works Department pursuant to the opinion rendered by the Law Department to withdraw the said Writ Appeal. Accordingly, the Works Department issued letter dated 14.10.2025 addressed to the



learned Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack with the following text :

“In inviting a kind reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that the Hon'ble High Court vide their Order dtd. 01.10.2024 passed in W.P(C) No.11825/2023 filed by Sri Saroj Kumar Padhi have quashed the Disciplinary Proceedings instituted against Sri Padhi.

In the meantime, the Government in Works Department have been pleased to withdraw the Writ Appeal No.977/2025 as per the opinion rendered by the Law Department w.r.t. the Order dtd. 01.10.2024 passed in W.P.(C) No.11825/2023 of the Hon'ble High Court.

A copy of the Writ Appeal No.977/2025 filed by the O.P.No.1 i.e., the Principal Secretary to Govt., Works Department and order dated 01.10.2024 are enclosed herewith for kind reference.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly look into the issue and take necessary steps for withdrawal of the aforementioned Writ Appeal in the Hon'ble Court challenging the order dated 01.10.2024.”

2.1. Mr. Das, learned Addl. Government Advocate further submitted that a show cause affidavit has been filed by the present incumbent on behalf of the Contemnor (Works Department). Paragraphs-7 and 8 thereof reads as follows:

“7. That it is humbly submitted that, however, in the meantime Govt. have decided to withdraw the WA no. 977/2025 filed against order dtd. 01.10.2024 in WPC No. 11825/2023 and accordingly Ld. Advocate General, Odisha has been requested to take necessary steps for



*withdrawal of the Writ Appeal vide letter No.20039/W dtd. 14.10.2025, a copy of which is annexed herewith as at **Annexure-A/1**.*

8. That it is humbly submitted that, steps shall be taken for compliance with the order dtd. 01.10.2024 in WPC No. 11825/2023 soon after allowing withdrawal of the Writ Appeal by the Hon'ble Court, which is awaited.”

2.2. Mr.Das, learned Addl. Government Advocate also submitted that steps have been taken to withdraw the said Writ Appeal to comply with the order dated 01.10.2024 passed in W.P. (C) No.11825 of 2023.

3. List this matter on 12.12.2025.

4. It is needless to say that since the Works Department has taken decision to withdraw the Writ Appeal, there is no impediment in giving effect to the direction rendered in the aforesaid order dated 01.10.2024 passed in W.P. (C) No.11825 of 2023 during pendency of this contempt petition.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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