



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.3572 of 2024

***Prasanna Kumar
Mohapatra***

....

Petitioner

Mr. M. Pati, Advocate

-versus-

***Anu Garg, Principal
Secretary, Govt., Water
Resources Department,
Bhubaneswar and others***

.... ***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Mr. S.N. Biswal, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

12.03.2026

**Order No.
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This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Mr. Biswal, learned ASC submits, an I.A. has been filed yesterday (11.03.2026) with the Registry through e-filing, which is not on record.
3. However, he files a hard copy of the said I.A., after handing over a copy thereof to the learned Counsel for the Petitioner in the Court, which be kept on record.
4. As is revealed from the said I.A., a prayer has been made for brief extension of time to ensure full and accurate compliance of order dated 29.03.2023 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.16201 of 2020.
5. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner vehemently opposes to such prayer for further time for compliance of order dated 29.03.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No.16201 of



2020 on the ground that the Petitioner has undergone a major heart surgery in a private hospital in Hyderabad. He further submits, though an undertaking was given on 20.02.2026 to file the Compliance Affidavit within two weeks therefrom, a month's time has been sought for filing of the Compliance Affidavit.

6. However, the Opposite Parties/alleged Contemnors are directed to file the full and accurate Compliance Affidavit within a period of three weeks hence after serving copy thereof on the learned counsel for the Petitioner.

7. The matter be listed on 9th April, 2026.

8. It is made clear that if the full and accurate Compliance Affidavit, as undertaken in the I.A., is not filed within the extended period, Mr. Nihar Kanti Mishra, who is at present working as Chief Engineer (Mechanical), Water Resources, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and the deponent of the said I.A. filed in the Court, shall remain physically present before this Court on the adjourned date enabling this Court to show cause as to why he shall not be booked under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for wilful flouting of the order dated 29.03.2023 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.16201 of 2020.

9. Learned Counsel for the State is given liberty to utilize the digitally signed copy of this order, available in the website of this Court, for the purpose of communication to the alleged Contemnors and doing the needful, as undertaken before this Court.

(S.K. MISHRA)
JUDGE