



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.5537 of 2025

Premananda Behera

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Pratyasish Mohanty, Advocate

-Versus-

**Manas Ranjan Barik, Principal
Secretary, Law Department,
Bhubaneswar, Dist-Khurda and
Others**

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Saswat Das, Addl. Govt. Advocate

CORAM:
HON' BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER
30.01.2026

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02. 1. The writ petition filed by the petitioner was disposed of on 18.01.2023 in the light of the order passed in W.P.(C) No.15433 of 2012 (Anand Dash Vs. State of Odisha). Consequently, the order of rejection dated 20.12.2022 was quashed. The said order was assailed before the apex Court in a Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.25636 of 2024, which was listed on 11.07.2024. The apex Court did not find any ground warranting interference with the said order. However, liberty was given to the petitioner-State to approach this Court by filing a review application.
2. Despite such liberty having granted as far back as on 11.07.2024, till date no such review application is filed. The contempt application has intervened in the meantime and sensing that the Court will



proceeding to adjudicate the instant application, a submission is advanced that the State is contemplating to file a review.

3. More than one and half year has lapsed in the meantime. The Court cannot be a mute spectator nor should proceed on the *ipse dixit* of the submissions advanced by the State. The majesty and sanctity of the Court is paramount and it is a solemn duty of the Court to preserve the same. However, a prayer is made by the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the alleged contemnor to take necessary instructions.

4. Let the matter be listed on 13th February, 2026 with the profound belief that the State would take a sensible decision in this regard.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

S.K. Jena/Secy.

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