



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No. 5537 of 2025

Premananda Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. Pratyasish Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

***Sri Manas Ranjan Barik, Principal
Secretary, Law Department,
Bhubaneswar and others***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. Debashis Tripathy, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

HON'BLE MR JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

08.05.2026

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1. It appears that the instant contempt application is taken out by the petitioner beyond the period of limitation provided under Section-20 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. Though an application for condonation of delay is filed, but in view of the decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the case of ***Pallav Sheth v. Custodian and others***; reported in ***(2001) 7 SCC 549***, the contempt petition filed beyond the period of limitation is not maintainable.



2. Accordingly, the instant contempt petition is dismissed on the ground of limitation.

3. However, the dismissal of the present contempt petition will not prevent the petitioner from exhausting the remedy as available in the statute.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

S. Behera

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