



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.4571 of 2023

Bibhuti Bhusan Rath

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Petitioner

Mr. M. Pati, Advocate

-versus-

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

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

Mr. B. Nayak, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

13.03.2026

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Mr. Nayak, learned AGA prays for further two weeks' time to file the Show Cause/Compliance Affidavit.
3. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner, drawing attention of this Court to order dated 05.02.2026, submits, on the said date, a submission was made by the learned State Counsel that he has already received the instruction. Accordingly, two weeks' time was granted to file the Show Cause/Compliance Affidavit. Though, in the meantime, more than four weeks' time has already been lapsed, till date, no Show Cause/Compliance Affidavit has been filed. The alleged Contemnor is intentionally dragging the CONTC proceeding to debar the Petitioner to get the benefit in



terms of order dated 06.04.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No.2399 of 2020.

4. Considering the submissions made by the learned Counsel for the parties, this Court directs the learned State Counsel to file the Show Cause/Compliance Affidavit within a week hence as last chance, failing which the alleged Contemnors shall appear physically before this Court on the adjourned date at 2:00 P.M. and show cause as to why action under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 shall not be taken against them for willful flouting of the order dated 06.04.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No.2399 of 2020.

5. Put up this matter on 26th March, 2026.

(S.K. MISHRA)
JUDGE

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