



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.3599 of 2025

Anurakta Das and others

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Laxmi Prasad Dwivedy

-versus-

***Usha padhee, IAS,
Principal Secretary,
Housing & Urban Development
Department, Govt. of Odisha, Lok
Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar and
others.***

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***Opposite Party/
Contemnor***

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. C.M. Singh, ASC for O.P.
No.1 & 2.

Mr. Umesh Chandra Mohanty

(For O.P. No.3)

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

27.02.2026

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09. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as the learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors No.1 & 2 and learned counsel for the Opposite Parties No.3.
3. Alleging violation of interim order dated 08.08.2023 passed in I.A. No.11928 of 2023, arising out of W.P.(C) No.24860 of 2023, as well as the modified interim order dated 25.09.2023 passed in I.A.



No.12555 of 2023, arising out of the above noted writ petition, the Petitioners have approached this Court by filing the present contempt petition.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners, at the outset, contended that by virtue of interim order dated 25.09.2023, this Court had directed the Opposite Party No.3 to assign the work to the Petitioners in the event works have been assigned to similarly placed persons till the next date. He further contended that although DLR employees have been engaged, however, the case of the Petitioners has not been considered for engagement.

5. Learned counsel for the Opposite Party-Contemnor No.3, on the other hand, contended that they have not engaged any similar placed employees. As such, the Opposite Party No.3 has not violated the order dated 25.09.2023.

6. In such view of the matter, the contempt proceeding is dropped with liberty to the Petitioners to move before the appropriate Bench for early hearing of the writ petition, which is pending since 2023.

7. It is open to the Petitioners to file an Interlocutory Application in the pending writ petition, which shall be considered in accordance with law.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge