



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**CONTC No.6157 of 2024**

***Arun Kumar Nath and others*** .....

***Petitioners***

Represented By Adv. -  
M/s A.K. Acharya

-versus-

***Dr. Arabinda Kumar Padhee,*** .....  
***IAS, Commissioner-cum-  
Secretary, Department of  
Agriculture and Farmers  
Empowerment, Govt. of  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar and  
another***

***Opposite  
Parties/Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. – Mr.  
Unmesh Chandra Jena, A.S.C.

**CORAM:**  
**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR**  
**MOHAPATRA**

**Order No.**

**ORDER**  
**09.01.2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors.
3. Mr. Arun Kumar Acharya, learned counsel for the petitioners contended that alleging non-implementation of judgment dated 05.02.2024 passed in W.P.(C) No.32081 of 2021, the petitioners have approached this Court by filing the present Contempt Petition.
4. In course of the argument, learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the order passed in W.P.(C) No.32081 of 2021 was upheld by the Hon'ble Division Bench and thereafter, the Appeal



preferred by the State bearing Special Leave to Appeal (C) No.25462 of 2025 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also been dismissed by order dated 08.09.2025. Thus, it is argued that the order passed by the learned Single Judge Bench has attained finality. In the aforesaid factual backdrop, the learned counsel for the Contemnors contended that the conduct of the Opposite Parties-Contemnors in not implementing the judgment dated 05.02.2024 amounts to gross violation of this Court's order and as such he is liable to proceed against the Contempt of Court's Act.

5. Learned counsel for the Contemnors, on the other hand, referring to the order dated 08.09.2025 contended that while dismissal the Special Leave Petition, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has granted liberty to the State-Petitioner to file a review of the impugned judgment and order and accordingly, the State-Opposite Parties have filed Review Petition No.264 of 2025. Learned counsel further stated that such Review Petition is still pending before the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court.

6. On a careful consideration of the factual background of this case, this Court is of the considered view that the judgment and order dated 05.02.2024 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.32081 of 2021 has attained finality after dismissal of the SLP preferred by the State.

7. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Contemnors is directed to obtain instruction from the Opposite Parties-Contemnors with regard to implementation of the judgment dated 05.02.2024 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.32081 of 2021, which shall be subject to the outcome of the Review Petition, if any, pending before the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court.



8. List this matter on 13.02.2026.
9. The personal appearance of the Opposite Parties-Contemnors stands dispensed with for the time being.

**( A.K. Mohapatra )**  
**Judge**

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