



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.3781 of 2025

Dhirendra Kumar Das and another ***Petitioner***
Mr. H.N. Mohapatra, Advocate
-versus-

Usha Padhee, I.A.S. and others ***Opposite***
Parties/Contemnors
Mr. Prabir Kumar Ray, AGA
for Contemnor Nos.1 to 3
Mr. Pronoy Mohanty, Advocate for Contemnor No.4

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

Order No.
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ORDER
09.02.2026

1. Learned Additional Government Advocate drew attention of this Court to paragraph-5 of the show-cause affidavit filed by opposite party no.3 (contemnor no.3) and submitted that the opposite parties have preferred writ appeal bearing WA No.1072 of 2025. Therefore, it is submitted therein that there has been no deliberate non-compliance because of pendency of writ appeal.
2. Learned counsel appearing for contemnor no.4 drawing attention of this Court to paragraph-8 of the show-cause affidavit dated 22nd January, 2026 sworn to by contemnor no.4, submitted that the concerned authority-Municipality has sought for instruction from the Government with regard to compliance of the order dated 24th March, 2025.
3. On perusal of the said affidavit filed by the contemnor nos.3 and 4, it appears that the Government has filed writ appeal, which is pending for adjudication. This Court does not find force in such submission made by the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for contemnor no.3 and learned counsel appearing for contemnor no.4 that mere filing of the writ appeal would tantamount



to stay of order dated 24th March, 2025. Accordingly, this Court rejected the show-cause affidavits filed by contemnor nos.3 and 4 and directs the Director, Municipal Administration, Odisha, Bhubaneswar-contemnor no.3 and the Executive Officer, Puri Municipality-contemnor no.4 to remain present through virtual mode on 13th February, 2026, when the Court assembles.

4. List this matter on 13th February, 2026.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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