



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

Dhirendra Kumar Das and another ***Petitioners***
Mr. Hrudananda Mohapatra, Advocate
-versus-

Usha Padhee, I.A.S. and others ***Opposite***
Parties/Contemnors

Mr. Siba Narayan Biswal, ASC
for Contemnor Nos.1 to 3
Mr. Pradipta Kumar Mohanty, Senior Advocate
assisted by Mr. Pronoy Mohanty, Advocate for
Contemnor No.4

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

Order No.
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ORDER
13.02.2026

1. Pursuant to the order dated 9th February, 2026, Sri Arindam Dakua, I.A.S., Director, Municipal Administration, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and Sri Abhimanyu Behera, Executive Officer, Puri Municipality appeared today through virtual mode.
2. It transpires that the Director, Municipal Administration was under impression that mere filing of writ appeal will refrain him from complying with the judgment dated 24th March, 2025 passed in WP(C) No.20713 of 2011. On query from this Bench, learned Additional Standing Counsel could not submit any order passed in writ appeal restraining this Court from proceeding any further.
3. Learned Senior Advocate appearing for contemnor no.4 submitted that Puri Municipality has already done the needful as it is not aggrieved by the order rather the judgment dated 24th March, 2025 passed in WP(C) No.20713 of 2011 has been accepted and pursuant to the said judgment, the employees (petitioners) are deemed to have been regularized in their services. He further submitted that for grant of consequential benefits of the employees, a communication has been made to the Director, Municipal Administration for approval.



4. Learned Additional Standing Counsel prays for short accommodation for complying with the judgment dated 24th March, 2025 passed in WP(C) No.20713 of 2011.
5. List this matter on 20th February, 2026 for filing compliance affidavit by the Director, Municipal Administration. If the compliance affidavit is not filed on or before 20th February, 2026, the Director, Municipal Administration is required to be present before this Court personally, when the Court assembles. It is further clarified that if the compliance affidavit is filed on or before 20th February, 2026, the Director, Municipal Administration need not be present before this Court.
6. Personal appearance of Executive Officer, Puri Municipality is dispensed with.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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