



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.3747 of 2025

Nabakishore Nayak and others ***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

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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.20715 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 counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that order of cancellation of regularisation of service of the petitioners were interfered with by this Court and the following directions were passed:-

“11. For the reasons stated on the facts narrated herein above and keeping abreast of legal position as propounded by the Courts referred to and relied on supra, this Court is inclined to exercise power under Article 226 to issue writ of certiorari by quashing the instruction contained in Housing and Urban Development Department Letter No.14449/MIS-



41/2011/HUD, dated 13.06.2011 (Annexure-13), and also the Puri Municipality Office Order dated 13.05.2011 (Annexure-14) and the Puri Municipality Office Order dated 13.06.2011 (Annexure-15) for non-assigning reason.”

4. 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.20715 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.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel prays for short accommodation for complying with the judgment dated 24th March, 2025 passed in WP(C) No.20715 of 2011.

6. 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.

7. Personal appearance of Executive Officer, Puri Municipality is dispensed with.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge