



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.5927 of 2024

Kalandi Charan Pati

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Bijay Kumar Behera 1, Advocate

-Versus-

**Chakrabarti Singh Rathore,
Collector, Jajpur and Others**

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.–
Ms. A. Dash, Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:
HON' BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER
13.02.2026

Order No.

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1. It is a sordid state of affairs that on the last occasion a submission was advanced on behalf of the alleged contemnor that the Government has already taken a conscious decision in disbursing the amount so determined to the petitioner and on the basis of such submissions so made, the matter was made returnable with the profound hope that the amount would be disbursed in the meantime.
2. By the change of counsel which appears to be a routine feature in this Court, thus, appears for the alleged contemnor and hands over letter No.580 dated 28.01.2026 issued by the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Jajpur which reveals that a check list for submission of document for DCAC approval framed by the Collector & District Magistrate, Jajpur for direct purchase of land, the Sub-Registrar, Binjharpur has been requested to supply the EC, Bench Mark



Valuation & Sale Statistics of village Chhotagadi and adjacent villages of the preceding last five years through bilateral negotiation for Khata No.483, Plot No.82 for acquired land admeasuring A 0.55 dec.

3. The bottom line of the entire story is epitomized as manifested before us leads to an inescapable impression having created in us that the alleged contemnor is apathetic in securing the compliance of the order/direction passed by this Court, even different stories are being told to the Court by a change of the counsel representing the alleged contemnor as narrated hereinbefore.

4. The conduct, the behaviour and the mannerism in which the alleged contemnor is proceeding in the matter leaves no ambiguity in our mind that there is reluctance in securing the compliance and/or implementation of the said order.

5. In order to give an opportunity to the alleged contemnors before we embark our journey on the peripheral of the provisions of the Contempt of Courts Act, we direct the alleged contemnors to file an affidavit not only disclosing the steps but also the conduct as projected before us in the instant contempt application. Such affidavit shall be filed within a week from date.

6. Let the matter be listed on 20th February, 2026.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

S.K. Jena/Secy.

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