



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.3907 of 2025

Kirti Ranjan Mohanty and others* *Petitioners

Mr.Budhadev Routray, Senior Advocate
assisted by Mr.Saubhagya Kumar Samal, Advocate

-versus-

***Manoj Ahuja, IAS, Chief
Secretary-cum-Chairman and
others***

Opposite Parties

Mr.Bibekananda Nayak, Addl. Government Advocate

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

13.02.2026

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1. Mr.Bibekananda Nayak, learned Addl. Government Advocate appears today in connection with the aforementioned contempt petition and seeks for further accommodation.
 2. The matter was before this Court on 15.09.2025, 10.10.2025, 24.10.2025, 07.11.2025, 05.12.2025, 16.01.2026 and 09.02.2026. It is unfortunate that on each date of proceeding, different panel Advocate of the Office of the learned Advocate General appears in the matter and sought for accommodation on one pretext or the other and the matter got adjourned.
 3. Mr.Budhadev Routray, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. Saubhagya Kumar Samal, learned Advocate vehemently objects to such manner of conducting the matter relating to the contempt proceeding before this Court.



4. It is observed that the counsel representing the contemnor is not in a position to state the step taken and step to be taken with respect to compliance of the order of this Court. Perusal of record reveals that on 24.10.2025, 07.11.2025 and 05.12.2025 elaborate orders were passed. Though the matter got adjourned with the assurance of the counsel representing the contemnor that the observation/direction contained in the judgment dated 11.03.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.23966 of 2023 and batch would be complied with in its true letter and spirit, nothing is put-forth by the learned Addl. Government Advocate appearing today before this Court. The prayer for further accommodation by Mr.Bibekananda Nayak, learned Addl. Government Advocate is, therefore, rejected. 5. It is directed that the contemnors/opposite parties shall appear before this Court through Virtual Mode on 27.02.2026, when this Court shall assemble.

6. Issue notice to the opposite parties/contemnors by Special Messenger, cost of which shall be assessed and deposit be made on or before 16.02.2026, as undertaken by Mr.Saubhagya Kumar Samal, learned Advocate for the petitioners. The notice shall be made returnable before the next date.

7. List this matter on 27.02.2026.

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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