IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.3859 of 2025

Prasanna Barik ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Basudev Barik

-versus-

Anu Garg, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Water Resources Department, Rajeeb Bhawan, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar and others. ..... ***Opposite Parties/ Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Smt. Sasmita Nayak, ASC

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
22.08.2025

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.

2. Alleging violation of this Court's order dated 24.03.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.8280 of 2025, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present contempt application.

3. On perusal of the order dated 24.03.2025, it appears that this Court while disposing of the writ application directed the Opposite Parties to grant the benefit to the Petitioner in terms of the judgment in ***Narusu Pradhan's*** case. Further it appears that batch of matters involving identical issues were pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The same has been disposed of on 24.07.2025 i.e. in ***The State of Odisha & Ors. Vrs. G.***

Balakrishna. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has dismissed the SLP filed by the State. As such the order dated 24.03.2025 has attained finality. Since the issue involved in the present writ application is identical with the one that was involved in ***G.Balkrishna's case*** (*supra*), this Court is of the considered view that the issue has attained finality with the disposal of the above noted SLP by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. In the aforesaid factual backdrop, learned counsel for the Contemnors sought for some more time to verify the aforesaid aspect and in the event the issue has attained finality, the Contemnors shall take necessary steps to implement the order dated 24.03.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.8280 of 2025.

5. In view of the aforesaid position, the present contempt application is being disposed of by directing the Opposite Parties-Contemnors to implement the order dated 24.03.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.8280 of 2025, keeping in view the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***The State of Odisha & Ors. Vrs. G. Balakrishna*** disposed of on 24.07.2025, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of a copy of this order, failing which, the Contemnors shall be liable to be proceeded under the Contempt of Courts Act.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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