



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.5622 of 2023, CONTC No.5623 of 2023, CONTC
No.5624 of 2023, CONTC No.5625 of 2023, CONTC No.5626
of 2023, CONTC No.6901 of 2023, CONTC No.480 of 2024,
CONTC No.624 of 2024, CONTC No.1069 of 2024

In CONTC No.5622 of 2023

Sashibhusan Pradhan and another *Petitioners*
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional *Opposite Parties*
Chief Secretary, Water Resources
Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and
another

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.5623 of 2023

Ghanashyam Dehury and others *Petitioners*
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional *Opposite Parties*
Chief Secretary, Water Resources
Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and
another

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.5624 of 2023

Trilochan Garanayak and others *Petitioners*
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional *Opposite Parties*
Chief Secretary, Water Resources
Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and
another

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.5625 of 2023

Hemanta Kumar Khadiratna *Petitioner*
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional *Opposite Parties*
Chief Secretary, Water Resources



Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and another

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.5626 of 2023

Sarat Chandra Garnayak

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and another

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.6901 of 2023

Mochi Harijan

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and another

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.480 of 2024

Prafulla Kumar Sahu

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and another

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

In CONTC No.624 of 2024

Bhagirathi Sahu and another

.... ***Petitioners***
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and another

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.



In CONTC No.1069 of 2024

Labanya Pradhan

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr. I. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

***Smt. Anu Garg, I.A.S., Additional
Chief Secretary, Water Resources
Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and
another***

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. U.R. Jena, A.G.A.

**CORAM:
JUSTICE B. P. ROUSTRAY
JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA**

ORDER
09.04.2026

Order No.
09.

1. Heard Mr. I. Sahoo, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Mr. U.R. Jena, learned Additional Government Advocate for the contemnors.
2. It seen that a purported compliance affidavit dated 12.03.2026 (16.03.2026) has been filed by the present Secretary to Government in Water Resources Department, namely, Smt. Subha Sharma. Paragraphs 6 & 7 of the said affidavit reads as follows:-

“6. That, it is humbly submitted that, pursuant to the direction of this Hon’ble Court vide order dated 12.03.2026 were communicated by the Additional Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department to the E.I.C., Water Resources, Odisha, Bhubaneswar requesting therein for implementation of the above orders of the Hon’ble Court. Thus the order of the Hon’ble High Court has been complied with.

Copy of the letters are annexed as Annexure A/2 series.

7. That, it is humbly submitted that since the order dated 30.01.2026 passed in this present contempt case has



already been complied with, this deponent humbly submits before the Hon'ble High Court with a prayer to drop the contempt proceeding. Further, this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to dispense with the personal appearance of the deponent.”

3. It is submitted on behalf of the Petitioners that pensionary benefits have not been received by the Petitioners till date, pursuant to the direction of this Court and confirmed by Hon'ble Apex Court.

4. Mr. Jena, learned A.G.A. also admits that the order of this Court is to be complied with fully yet.

5. In view of the statements made at paragraphs 6 & 7 stated above, which are found to be misleading, the deponent, namely, Smt. Subha Sharma, presently working as Principal Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department is directed to appear in person before this Court on 14th May 2026 at 2.00 P.M.

6. List all these matters on 14th May, 2026, at 2.00 P.M.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge