IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.4545 of 2025
CNR No.ODHC010703482025

Santosh Kumar Maharana …. **Petitioner**

Mr. G.M. Rath, Advocate

-Versus-

Ranjit Kumar Das, Asst. Settlement Officer, Bhubaneswar, functioning at Major Settlement Office, Cuttack …. **Opposite Party/Contemnor**

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
21.08.2026

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03. 1. The show-cause affidavit filed by the opposite party/contemnor is at Flag-A and the same is perused. The explanation offered for non-compliance of the Court's order in W.P.(C) No.25523 of 2023 is incorporated therein. But considering the submission of Mr. Rath, learned counsel for the petitioner and also the response of Mr. Panda, learned ASC for the State, this Court is not inclined to accept the show-cause, which is hereby rejected.

2. In course of hearing, Mr. Rath, learned counsel for the petitioner refers to Annexure-2, the final order of the opposite party/contemnor dated 21st April, 2025 to claim that there has been total non-consideration leaving an option for the petitioner to file an appeal under the OSS Act, 1958, which is not in terms of the directions issued in W.P.(C) No. 25523 of 2023 dated 17th December, 2024. In view of the above, this Court is further

inclined to direct personal appearance of the opposite party/contemnor and accordingly, it is ordered.

3. List on 18th September, 2026 for personal appearance of opposite party/contemnor. In the meantime, show-cause/compliance affidavit, as the case may be, shall be filed for further orders.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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