



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.5679 of 2025

Saroj Kumar Dash

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
M/s Mr. Krishna
Chandra Sahu

-versus-

***Aswathy S, IAS, Commissioner-
cum-Secretary, Health and
Family Welfare Department,
Odisha & Ors.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented by Adv. –
S.K. Parhi, A.S.C.

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

ORDER
27.02.2026

Order No.

04.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that in a case of similarly situated person, namely, G. Madhusudan Rao, who had approached this Court by filing CONTC No.2157 of 2025. This Court, vide order dated 09.01.2026, had directed for compliance for such order, failing which, the Opposite Parties-Contemnors are directed to appear in person before this Court on 13.02.2026. He further submitted that in the case of above named G. Madhusudan Rao, order passed by this Court has already been complied with vide order dated 12.02.2026 passed by the authority. It is stated by learned counsel for the Petitioner that although the



similar benefits have been extended in favour of the similarly situated persons, however, in the case of the Petitioner, the State-Opposite Parties have preferred an SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

3. Learned counsel for the Contemnors was unable to produce any order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court staying the further proceeding in the contempt application. Learned counsel for the Opposite Party-Contemnors, on the other hand, contended that in the event any such order has been passed in the case of G.Madhusudan Rao, as has been relied upon by the Petitioner, then necessary steps shall be taken immediately for implementation of this Court's order.

4. On the request of learned counsel for the Contemnors, he is granted four weeks' time, as a last chance, to implement the order passed by this Court which shall be subject to the final outcome of the SLP pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, failing which, the Contemnors shall be asked to appear in person before this Court and explain as to why they shall not proceeded under the Contempt of Court's Act for their wilful and violation of this Court's order.

5. List this matter on 17.04.2026.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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