



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**CONTC No.5915 of 2025**

***Harapriya Rout (since dead) through*** .... ***Petitioners***  
***L.Rs.***

*Mr. Santosh Kumar Nanda, Advocate*

*-versus-*

***Ms. Awasthy S, IAS*** .... ***Opposite Party/  
Contemnor***

*Mr. Sanjay Rath, AGA*

**CORAM:**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN**

**Order No.**  
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**ORDER**  
**13.03.2026**

*1. Sri Santosh Kumar Nanda, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners drew attention of this Court to judgment dated 07.12.2024 passed in W.P.(C) No.16880 of 2023, wherein paragraphs-9.6 and 9.7 stood thus:-*

*“9.6. Considering the submissions of the counsel for the parties and on perusal of material on record, while holding that the petitioner is eligible to claim as made in respect of the period from 08.05.1983 to 03.01.1993, extraordinary leave being regularized and said period has been considered as “continuity in service”, this Court hereby quashes the Order dated 17.02.2023 (Annexure-14) passed by the opposite party No.1.*

*9.7. However, it is pointed out at the Bar that before receipt of the impugned Order dated 17.02.2023, the wife of the employee-Dr. Laxmidhar Rout, had made representation dated 20.02.2023, which is stated to be pending before the opposite party No.1. This Court deems it appropriate to request the opposite party No.1 to be considerate while disposing of the representation dated 20.02.2023 within a*



*period of four weeks in the light of discussions made herein above.”*

1.1. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha while passing the order dated 03.02.2025 in compliance to the aforesaid judgment of this Court, has not taken into consideration the afore-quoted observations/directions of this Court. It is also submitted by him that this Court in the afore-quoted paragraphs categorically observed that the Authority concerned is required to adhere to the observations made in the said judgment and dispose of the representation accordingly. However, the same being not complied with, Opposite party/Contemnor is liable to face the contempt proceeding.

2. At this stage, Sri Sanjay Rath, learned Additional Government Advocate seeks accommodation to obtain instructions.

3. List this matter on 20.03.2026.

***(M.S. Raman)***  
***Judge***