



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.389 of 2026

Saraswati Das

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-

***Anu Garg, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
of Odisha, Water Resources
Department, Rajiv Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA
Mr. S.K. Patra, Standing
Counsel for the A.G.
(A&E), Odisha

CONTC No.2162 of 2023

Maheswar Patra

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-

***Vir Vikram Yadav, IAS,
Secretary to Govt. of Odisha,
Works Department, Bhubaneswar
and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA
Mr. S.K. Patra, Standing
Counsel for the A.G.
(A&E), Odisha

CONTC No.518 of 2026

Bhagaban Upadhyaya

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-



***Usha Padhy, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt. of
Odisha, Housing and Urban
Development Department, Lok Seva
Bhawan, Bhubaneswar and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

Mr. S.K. Patra, Standing
Counsel for the A.G.
(A&E), Odisha

CONTC No.624 of 2026

Barada Prasad Rath

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-

***Subha Sarma, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt. of
Odisha, Water Resources
Department, Rajiv Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar.***

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***Opposite Party/
Contemnor***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.705 of 2026

Bhikari Charan Mohanty

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-

***Yamini Sarangi, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt. of
Odisha, Rural Development
Department, Lokseva Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar and others***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.793 of 2026

Dambarudhar Sahu

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Laxmikanta Mohanty



-versus-

***Sobha Sharma, IAS,
Secretary to Govt.,
Department of Water Resources,
Lokaseva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar
and another***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.1330 of 2026

Alekha Chandra Patra

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-

***Girish S.N., IAS,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to
Govt. of Odisha, Panchayati Raj &
Drinking Water Department, Lokseva
Bhawan, Bhubaneswar and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5969 of 2025

Dibakar Tripathy

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty

-versus-

***Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Department of
Water Resources, Odisha and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.4507 of 2025

Dasarathi Dehury

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Basudev Barik



-versus-

Anu Garg, IAS,
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt,
Water Resources Department, Rajeeb
Bhawan, Odisha and others.

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Opposite Parties/
Contemnors
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.4995 of 2025

Narendra Kumar Garanayak

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Petitioner
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Basudev Barik

-versus-

Anu Garg, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Water Resources Department, Rajeeb
Bhawan, Odisha and others.

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Opposite Parties/
Contemnors
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5804 of 2025

Suresh Chandra Sahoo

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Petitioner
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty

-versus-

Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Water Resources
Department, Lok Seva Bhawan,
Odisha and others.

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Opposite Parties/
Contemnors
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5807 of 2025

Udhaba Chandra Sahoo

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Petitioner
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty



-versus-

**Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Water Resources
Department, Lok Seva Bhawan,
Odisha and others.**

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**Opposite Parties/
Contemnors**

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5810 of 2025

Manjula Nayak

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty

-versus-

**Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Water Resources
Department, Odisha and others.**

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**Opposite Parties/
Contemnors**

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5812 of 2025

Ganeswar Biswal

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty

-versus-

**Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Water Resources
Department, Loka Seva, Odisha and
others.**

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**Opposite Parties/
Contemnors**

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5933 of 2025

Gourahari Sahu

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Chittaranjan Pattnaik

-versus-

**Anu Garg, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt,
Department of Water Resources,
Odisha.**

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**Opposite Party/
Contemnor**

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA



CONTC No.5970 of 2025

Gagan Bihari Pradhan

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty

-versus-

***Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Water Resources
Department, Loka Seva Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.5971 of 2025

Purna Chandra Samal

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Laxmikant Mohanty

-versus-

***Anu Garg, IAS,
Secretary to Govt, Water Resources
Department, Odisha and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.198 of 2026

Sudhakar Behera

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Basudev Barik

-versus-

***Anu Garg, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Water Resources Department,
Bhubaneswar and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA



CONTC No.199 of 2026

Bhramarbar Samal

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Basudev Barik

-versus-

***Anu Garg, IAS,
Chief Secretary to Govt, Water
Resources Department, Rajeeb
Bhawan, Odisha and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CONTC No.2103 of 2026

Laxmidhar Behera

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Prafulla Kumar
Mohapatra

-versus-

***Subha Sarma, IAS,
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of
Odisha, Water Resources
Department, Rajiv Bhawan,
Bhubaneswar and others.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnors***

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC
Mr. S.K. Patra, Standing
Counsel for the A.G.
(A&E), Odisha

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

24.04.2026

Order No.

- 05.
1. These matters are taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
 2. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that



the order passed by a learned Single Judge Bench, which was confirmed in writ appeal, has eventually been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *The State of Odisha & Ors. v. G. Balakrishna*. Therefore, the order passed by the learned Single Judge Bench has attained finality. He further contended that despite order passed by the learned Single Judge Bench has been confirmed the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the same has not been implemented as of now. Being aggrieved by such wilful and deliberate violation of this Court's order by the Opposite Parties-Contemnors, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the contempt applications.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors, on the other hand, contended that since the number of persons, who are to be extended the benefits, is large in number, the Opposite Parties-Contemnors are taking steps, in the meantime, following the disposal of the SLP by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. He further submitted that some more time be granted so that necessary steps shall be taken by the Opposite Parties-Contemnors to ensure that while implementing the order passed by this Court, the Petitioners shall be sanctioned and disbursed with the benefits as has been directed by this Court.

4. Taking into consideration the request made by the learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors, he is granted six weeks' time, as a last chance, to ensure that the financial benefits, as has been directed by this Court, which has been eventually upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, is sanctioned



and disbursed in favour of the Petitioners in the meantime, failing which, the Opposite Parties-Contemnors shall be asked to appear in person before this Court and to explain as to why a proceeding under the Contempt of Courts Act shall not be initiated against them for wilful and deliberate violation of this Court's order.

5. Learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors shall also ensure that the Opposite Parties-Contemnors are disbursed with the provisional pension as is due and admissible to the Petitioners till the decision is taken with regard to final pension.

6. Mr. S.K. Patra, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar contended that there is no cause of action against Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar, as the Pension Sanctioning Authority has not taken any decision with regard grant of pensionary benefits in favour of the Petitioners. Therefore, he prays that the contempt applications against the Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar, be dropped.

7. List these matters on 3rd July, 2026.

8. A free copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Contemnors for communication.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge