



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.6300 of 2025

*Nihar Ranjan Debata &
Ors.*

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. K.K. Rout, Adv.

-versus-

*Rajesh Pravakar Patil,
Commissioner-cum-
Secretary to Govt.
Department of
Cooperation,
Bhubaneswar & Ors.*

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*Contemnor(s)/
Opposite Party(s)*

Ms. Sarita Moharana, ASC

Mr. Bikram Pratap Das, Adv. (for Cooperative Bank)

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

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ORDER

24.03.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard.
3. Mr. Bikram Pratap Das, learned counsel appearing for the Cooperative Bank submits that the deposits made by the depositors have been renewed with their consent. However, there is not a single document on record in the present contempt petition to substantiate the claim that such consent was ever given. This absence of evidence prima facie renders the submission of the learned counsel for the Bank doubtful.



4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners, on the other hand, submits that the aforesaid claim regarding renewal of the deposit amounts in the form of Fixed Deposits (F.Ds) is wholly incorrect and without any factual basis in the present case.

5. In view of the above submissions and on considerations of the materials available on record, the Bank authorities are directed to refund the deposited amounts to the Petitioners, along with all accrued and applicable interest, strictly in accordance with the terms and provisions of the concerned deposit scheme(s), to the Petitioners within a period of six weeks from the date of this order.

6. The Bank shall issue appropriate notices to the concerned depositors and upon due verification, take all necessary steps to ensure payment of the Fixed Deposit amounts in accordance with law.

7. List this matter on 5th May, 2026.

8. Learned counsel for both parties shall apprise this Court of the developments made in the meantime, particularly with regard to compliance with the directions issued herein.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge