



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.10330 of 2023

Rabindranath Panda

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. -
Mr. Ashok Kumar
Sahoo

-versus-

***Umakanta Behera, OAS 1(JB),
Block Development Officer,
Marsaghai, Kendrapara
2) Bidutprava Sethi, Sarpanch,
Mehendinagar Gram Panchayat,
ehendinagar, Marsaghai,
Kendrapara.***

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***Opposite Parties/
Contemnor***

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Vivekananda Jena

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

14.02.2025

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Learned counsel appearing for the Contemnor No.1 submitted the instruction vide letter dated 14.08.2024. On perusal the said instruction, it appears that the B.D.O. Marshaghai has stated that after diligent inquiry it is found that all the records have been properly maintained and checked measured by the appropriate authority and the claims of the Petitioner were not adhered. It has also been stated in the said letter that the present Sarpanch and concerned P.E.O. have deliberately hidden the facts and records and misguided the



B.D.O. due to their political enmity with the Ex-Sarpanch. Accordingly, the B.D.O., Marshaghai, Contemnor No.1 had issued a letter to the Sarpanch and the P.E.O. to make payment of final bills 16 nos. of projects within seven days without further delay, failing which, stringent action will be taken against the Sarpanch and the P.E.O.

3. In such view of the matter, this Court directs the Contemnor No.1 file an affidavit as to what action has been taken against the Sarpanch and P.E.O. for such misconduct. Moreover, he shall also indicate in the said affidavit as to whether the final amount has been paid to the Petitioner keeping in view the fact that counsel for the Petitioner submitted that he has not been paid the final bill of 16 nos. of projects.

4. So far Contemnor No.2 is concerned, it is directed that the payment pursuant to letter dated 14.08.2024 be made within a period of four weeks from today, as has been stated in letter dated 14.08.2024, failing which, the P.E.O. as well as Sarpanch shall appear before this Court on 21st March, 2025.

5. It is made clear that in the event the payment is not made within the aforesaid time, then appropriate action shall be taken against the Sarpanch and P.E.O. on the next date.

6. List this case on 21.03.2025.

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(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge