



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

Rabindranath Panda

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. -
M/s. Ashok Kumar
Sahoo, B.s.das

-versus-

***1) Umakanta Behera, Oas 1(jb),
B.d.o, Marsaghai, Kendrapara***

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Opposite Parties

2) Bidutprava Sethi, Sarapanch,
Mehendibagar Gram Panchayat,
Marsaghai

Represented By Adv. -
Vivekananda Jena
Mr.U.C.Jena,ASC-OP-1

Mr.Sukanta Dalai,OP-2

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA
ORDER
02.05.2025

Order No.

07.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Pursuant to the order passed by this Court, the Contemnors appeared personally before this Court today.
3. Alleging non-compliance of the order dated 24.08.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No.27044 of 2023, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present Contempt Petition.
4. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as Mr.S.K.Dalai, learned counsel appearing for Contemnor No.2 and the learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for Contemnor No.1.
5. Mr.S.K.Dalai, learned counsel appearing for Contemnor



No.2 at the outset contended that the order passed by this Court on 24.08.2023 in W.P.(C) No.27044 of 2023 contains a direction to Opposite Party Nos. 5 & 7, who are contemnors Nos. 1 & 2 to consider and dispose of the representation of the Petitioner working together and to take a decision as it is found appropriate within a period of six weeks from the date of communication of the order dated 24.08.2023. In support of compliance of the order dated 24.08.2023 learned counsel for the contemnors referred to letter dated 03.04.2025, which has been appended to the compliance Affidavit dated 11.04.2025 as Annexure-A/2. From the letter dated 03.04.2024, it appears that the order dated 24.08.2023 has been complied with and the representation of the Petitioner has been disposed of as rejected by the Sarpanch. Similarly, learned counsel appearing for Contemnor No.1- B.D.O., Marshaghai, Kendrapara referred to letter dated 06.08.2024 and submitted that the order dated 24.08.2023 has been complied with. On perusal of the letter dated 06.08.2024, it appears that the Contemnor No.1- B.D.O., Marshaghai has given a direction to Sarpanch/Ex-Panchayat Executive Officer, Mehendinagar to make payment of the 16 numbers of projects within seven days without any further delay and to submit compliance before him.

6. In such view of the matter, this Court is of the view that the order dated 24.08.2023 which has been passed by this Court has been complied with. While disposing of the Contempt Petition, liberty is given to the Petitioner to approach this Court by filing a fresh Writ Petition in the event the grievance of the Petitioner still subsists.

7. It is stated by the learned counsel appearing for the



Contemnors that although the order has been complied with, there was some delay in compliance of the order passed by this Court and begged unconditional apology.

8. Taking into consideration the aforesaid facts, the unconditional apology tendered by the learned counsel for the Contemnors is accepted. Personal appearance of the Contemnors is dispensed with.

9. The Contempt Petition is accordingly disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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