

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
JODHPUR

S.B. Writ Contempt No. 50/2023

Laxmi Narayan

-----Petitioner

Versus

Subodh Agarwal & Ors.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Amit Purohit for Mr. M.S. Purohit
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Sajjan Singh Rathore, AAG with Mr. Yuvraj Singh Rathore
Present-in-Person	:	Mr. Surender Sharma, Chief Engineer (Rural), PHED through VC

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA BORANA

Order

25/03/2026

1. In pursuance to order dated 21.01.2026, the Chief Engineer (Rural), Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Rajasthan is present before the Court through Video Conferencing. He submits that he has joined the office just twelve days ago and further that he is not the authority under an obligation to comply with the order. He submits that it is the Chief Engineer (Administration) who is required to comply with the orders.
2. It is evident on record that despite last opportunity been granted on 21.01.2026, till date, no reply/compliance report whatsoever has been filed. The Officer present today very casually submits that he is not the authority under obligation to comply with the orders.
3. This Court is of the clear opinion that if the respondent-Department is represented by any AAG, no excuse to the effect that the officers impleaded are not under an obligation to comply

with the orders, can be accepted. The orders have to be complied with by whosoever is the Officer concerned. Once the notice of contempt has been served on the respondents, it is their duty to co-ordinate with the responsible officers and get the order complied with.

4. Learned AAG submits that order dated 11.09.2020 of which the compliance is sought, has already been put to challenge by the State vide a Review Petition. He submits that in identical matters, the Review Petitions as preferred by the State have been allowed. He submits that appropriate orders in the review petition would be passed within a period of two weeks and hence, appropriate time be granted.

5. Last opportunity is granted.

6. Put up on 29.04.2026.

(REKHA BORANA),J