IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.2907 of 2025

M/s. Dakhineswari Saw Mill ..... ***Petitioner (S)***

Mr. Rabinarayan Nayak, Advocate

-versus-

Satyabrata Sahoo, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha & Anr. ..... ***Opposite Party (s)***

Mr. Bibekananda Nayak, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER
02.12.2025

Order No.

07. **1**. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. This CONTC arises out of the order dated 05.03.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.3230 of 2025.

3. Pursuant to the order of this Court dated 11.11.2025, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha/Opposite Party No.2 is present in person before this Court.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha/Opposite Party No.2 brings to the notice of this

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Court to the letter No.23906/1F(FU&FP)(FP)25/2025 dated 27.11.2025 issued by him. The relevant portion of the said letter is extracted hereinbelow:-

> *"In inviting a reference to the above letter on the subject cited, I am to submit the following facts towards compliance of the order dated 05.03.2025 arising out of W.P. (C) No.3230 of 2025, as the Contempt Application was taken up before the Hon'ble Court on 11.11.2025.*
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> ***1.*** *That, the petitioner has filed the aforesaid Writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court, Odisha, seeking direction to the Opp. Party, more particularly to the Opp. Party No.2, i.e. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to recommend on the application of the petitioner for rehabilitation of Saw Mill by the concerned authority.*
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> ***2.*** *That, as per the direction of Hon'ble High Court, Orissa, the Opp. Party has submitted necessary instructions to the Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack vide this office letter No.4769 dated 28.02.2025, letter No. 15750 dated 28.07.2025, letter No.18385 dated 03.09.2025, letter No.20645 dated 09.10.2025 and letter No.22534 dated 06.11.2025 respectively.*
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> ***3.*** *That, as per the decision taken in the State Level Committee (SLC) meeting held on 24.09.2025 under the chairmanship of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF, Odisha, wherein the case of M/s Dakhineswari Saw Mill was placed in category II and recommended for rehabilitation after approval of*

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condonation by the Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment &CC Department as per the Guidelines of Forest & Environment Department vide Notification No.10F (Legal) 03/2011-13891/F&E dated 30.11.2011. Meanwhile, the condonation proposal of M/s Dakhineswari Saw Mill was moved to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department through OSWAS file dated 24.10.2025 for necessary approval.

4. *That, after careful consideration, the Government, FE&CC Department, vide letter No.FE-PRO-FPRO-0016-2025-34446/FE&CC Dated 24.11.2025 have approved the proposal of condonation as per the provision laid down in Para-3(b) of the Guidelines issued in Forest & Environment Department vide Notification No.10F(Legal)03/2011-13891/F&E Dated 30.07.2011.*

5. *That, on receipt of said approval letter from Government, FE&CC Department the Opp Party No.02 has taken immediate steps by seeking Option for choice of notified industrial estates from the petitioner Sri Babulal Patel of M/s Dakhineswari Saw Mill vide this office letter No.PCCFO-PSM-MISC-0065-2025-23760 Dated 26.11.2025 (Annexure-1) for onward transmission to the Chief General Manager (MSME) IDCO, Bhubaneswar for allotment of land for establishment, relocation and functioning of the Saw Mill.*

6. *That, the Opp. Party No.02 i.e. Principal CCF & HoFF, Odisha-cum-Chairman has taken immediate steps by following all procedure to carry out the*

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order of the Hon'ble High Court, Odisha as per Rule.

That, in view of the facts and circumstances of the cases stated herein above, the Contempt proceedings may kindly be dropped.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action."

5. It is apparent from the letter No.23906/1F(FU&FP)(FP)25/2025 dated 27.11.2025 issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha/Opposite Party No.2 that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha/Opposite Party No.2 has already taken steps by following all procedure to carry out the order of this Court.

6. Hence, this CONTC is disposed of being dropped.

7. Personal appearance of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha/Opposite Party No.2 is dispensed with.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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