IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.6165 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010677572026

Sanjukta Panda ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Sandhyarani Pani

-versus-

Aravind Agrawal,Commissioner-Cum-Secretary Higher Education Dept.,Odisha ..... ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv. – Mr. D.K. Sahoo, AGA

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA
ORDER
13.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/ Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner. Perused the contempt application.

3. By filing the present contempt application the Petitioner challenges the inaction of the Opposite Party in not implementing order dated 21.01.2026 passed in W.P.(C) No.1827 of 2026.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that although the writ petition filed by the Petitioner vide order dated 21.01.2026 directing the Opposite Parties to reconsider the case of the Petitioner strictly in terms of the ratio laid down by the Division

Bench of this Court in the judgment of ***General Secretary, Utkal University Demonstrators' Association*** decided in ***O.J.C. Nos.1088 of 2000 and 13156 of 1998*** within a period of eight weeks, such direction of this Court has not been complied with. Being aggrieved by such deliberate and wilful violation of this Court's order, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present contempt application. It was not brought to the notice of the Court that the aforesaid order has been challenged by filing a writ appeal. Therefore, this Court presumed that the order passed by this Court has attained finality.

5. Learned counsel for the Contemnors, on the other hand, sought for some more time to ensure that the order passed by this Court is fully implemented in the event the same has attained finality in the meantime.

6. Considering the request made by the Opposite Parties-Contemnors, he is granted further four weeks' time to ensure that the order passed by this Court is fully implemented. In the event the order still remains unimplemented, liberty is granted to the Petitioner to revive the contempt application by filing a memorandum. In such eventuality, the Opposite Parties-Contemnors shall be asked to appear before this Court and to explain as to why they shall not be proceeded against under the Contempt of Court's Act for their wilful and deliberate violation of this Court's order.

7. With the aforesaid observation/direction, the CONTC application stands disposed of.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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