**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**
**CONTC No.7746 of 2026**
**CNR No. ODHC010873412026**

***Pankaj Behera*** ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - M/s Durgesh Narayan Rath

*-versus-*

***DR. N. THIRUMALA NAIK, COMMISSIONER CUM SECRETARY SCHOOL AND MASS EDUCATION DEPTT.*** ..... ***Opposite Party/Contemnor***

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

**CORAM:**
**MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**
**13.11.2026**

**Order No.**

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.

3. Alleging non-compliance of order dated 20.07.2026 passed in W.P.(C) No.27372 of 2024, the Petitioners have approached this Court by filing the present contempt application. Learned counsel for the Petitioners at the outset contended that while setting aside the impugned order, this Court had directed the Opposite Parties to reconsider the case of the Petitioner within a period of three months. He further submitted that although in case of similarly situated employees, action has been taken and necessary consequential

orders have been passed vide office order no.19364 dated 26.10.2026 of the DEO, Ganjam, Berhampur, however, in the case of the Petitioner no decision has been taken by the Opposite Parties. Being aggrieved by deliberating in action of the Opposite Parties, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present contempt application.

4. Leaned counsel for the Opposite Party-Contemnor on the other hand submitted that since there is large number of files, necessary steps have been taken to consider the case of the Petitioner on the light of the judgment of this Court. He further submitted that the time limit granted by this Court be extended within which, the Opposite Party shall take a final decision pursuant to the direction of this Court vide order dated 20.072026.

5. Considering such submission, this Court grants further six weeks' time to the Opposite Parties to ensure that the order passed by this Court is implemented in its letter and spirit. It is further made clear that no further extension shall be granted. However, in the event the Opposite Parties fail to comply with the order passed by this Court when they shall be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act.

6. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the contempt petition is disposed of.

***( Aditya Kumar Mohapatra )***
***Judge***

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