IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CONTC No.7744 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010873482026

Keshab Pradhan and another ..... Petitioners

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.14168 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 delay in action on behalf 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 are a large number of files, necessary steps have been taken to consider the case of the Petitioner in light of the judgment of this Court. He further submitted that the time limit granted by this Court be extended and the Opposite Party shall take a final decision, within the extended time, 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, 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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