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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 7th November 2008

S. R. O. No. 548/2008—Whereas the State Government are satisfied that in the interest of public, it is necessary to prohibit strikes in form of cessation of work by the doctors, in services connected with maintenance of public health and sanitation in the hospitals and the dispensaries in the State like District Headquarters Hospitals, Subdivisional Hospitals, Area Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres in whatsoever nomenclatures called, including Jail Hospitals/Police Hospitals, etc., so that health care delivery in the State is not disrupted.

Whereas as per Section 2(b) of the Act strike means the cessation of work by a body of persons employed in any essential service acting in combination or a concerted refusal or a refusal under a common understanding of any number of persons who are or have been so employed to continue to work or to accept employment and includes, unauthorised absence from duty in pursuance of a common understanding among the persons who unauthorisedly absent themselves from duty or under the direction of any other person or persons.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section (3), read with Section 2 of the Orissa Essential Service (Maintenance) Act, 1988 (Orissa Act 9 of 1992), the State Government do hereby prohibit strikes in the aforesaid services. The order shall remain in force for a period of six months with effect from the date of its issuance.

[No. 5142-C.]

By order of the Governor
K. C. SARANGI
Deputy Secretary to Government