



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.1482 of 2026

Mohammad Zafir

.... ***Petitioner***

Mr. R.N. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

***State of Odisha, represented through its
Secretary, Commerce and Transport
Department and Others***

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. B. Nayak, AGA

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
19.1.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. R.N. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. Issue notice. Mr. B. Nayak, learned AGA accepts notice for
 opposite party No.1.
3. The petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the brief on Mr. P.
 Behera, learned counsel who usually appears for State Transport
 Authority (STA).
4. List the matter on 25th February, 2026.

I.A. No.898 of 2026

02. 5. It is submitted by Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner
 that such policy decision taken by STA in their 291st proceeding dated
 19th February 2020 regarding imposition of restrictions for grant of
 stage carriage permit at clause 1.6(a) is contrary to the prescribed
 provisions of the MV Act and Rules.
6. As an interim measure, it is directed that if the petitioner applies
 for temporary stage carriage permit in respect of his Bus bearing



registration number OD-23-J-1446, the same may be considered in accordance with law regardless satisfaction of restrictions mentioned at clause 1.6(a) of Resolution dated 19th February, 2020 (Annexure-5).

7. The I.A. is disposed of.

8. An urgent certified copy of this order shall be issued on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K.Panda