



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.4870 of 2026

Harapriya Sahoo

.... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.S. Das, Advocate

-versus-

Director of Mines, Odisha and Others

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

Mr. U.R. Jena, AGA

CORAM:

SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER

25.3.2026

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03. 1. Heard Mr. S.S. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. U.R. Jena, learned AGA for State opposite parties.
2. The petitioner has come up challenging the impugned order dated 1st November, 2025 assessing the compounding fee amounting Rs.4,64,430.40 as per Annexure-8, for illegal transportation of laterite stone in the truck bearing registration number OD-05-BU-1103.
3. As seen from Annexure-8, the office of Deputy Director of Mines, Cuttack Circle has assessed the compounding fee to the aforementioned tune.
4. As such, the writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the authorities to proceed in accordance with law in respect of the vehicle in question. However, without prejudice to the contention of the petitioner, in the event he deposits a sum of Rs.35,000/- (thirty five thousand only) in cash and the rest amount as property security in respect of the demanded amount as per Annexure-8, before the authority within a period of 15 days from today along with certified copy of this order and a copy of the writ petition, his vehicle may be



released in his favour as an interim measure, subject to final decision to be taken by the authority.

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

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K.Panda