



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.5823 of 2026

Ajay Kumar Jena

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Petitioner

Mr. Sidhartha Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. Sanjay Rath,

Additional Govt. Advocate

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

17.03.2026

Order No.

01. 1. In an auction to transport *morrum* of 7000 cubic metres, on deposit of requisite amount, the petitioner was granted permission on 29.04.2025 to complete the transportation within 90 days from 29.04.2025 to 27.07.2025. Due to certain enforcing situation like intervening rainy season, the same could not be completed within the period stipulated.
2. It is submitted by Shri Sidhartha Das, learned Advocate for the petitioner that though several approaches were made to the authority and submission of representation for grant of extension of time to transport the auctioned *morrum*, the opposite parties have turned deaf ears.
3. Referring to representation to the Mining Officer, Mayurbhanj at Baripada (Annexure-4), learned counsel for the petitioner



submitted that the authority has not yet considered such representation.

4. On perusal of documents enclosed to the writ petition and considering the limited grievance of the petitioner, it is felt prudent to dispose of the writ petition by directing the petitioner to file a fresh representation before the opposite party no.3-Mining Officer, Mayurbhanj at Baripada within a period of seven days along with copy of this order. On receipt of copy of this order and the representation from the petitioner, the said authority shall decide the same by passing a reasoned order within a period of four weeks thereafter.

5. As an abundant caution, it is clarified that nothing stated above on facts be construed as an expression of any opinion of this Court on the merit of the matter. The appropriate authority is free to take independent decision on the merit of the matter on the basis of the material placed on record before him by the petitioner.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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