



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**WP(C) No.5145 of 2026**

*M/s. Kalinga Alumina Limited and another* .... *Petitioners*

Mr. Vikas Singh, Senior Advocate assisted by  
Mr. Venugopal Mohapatra, Advocate  
-versus-

*State of Odisha and others* .... *Opposite parties*  
Mr. Saswat Das, AGA  
Mr. Bibhu Prasad Das, Advocate

**CORAM:**

**THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN**

**ORDER**

**24.03.2026**

**Order No.**

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1. It is submitted by the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State that after the interim order having passed in the instant mater, the authorities are contemplating to conduct the public hearing and there is every possibility of the same being conducted in near future.
  2. Our attention is drawn to the notification containing the mechanism of conducting the public hearing, which postulates that once the Environmental Impact Assessment Report is submitted, the date, venue and time should be fixed within seven days therefrom and the notice must contain thirty days' time for conducting the public hearing. According to the learned Additional Government Advocate, if the delay is committed by the authorities, it shall impact the right of the petitioner, which may invite an irreversible situation.
  3. Since the Government has taken a conscious decision to initiate the process of the public hearing, we, therefore, direct the



authorities to take immediate steps within seven days from date and entire process should be completed in terms of the said Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006.

4. List this matter on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date.

**(Harish Tandon)**  
**Chief Justice**

**(M.S. Raman)**  
**Judge**

*MRS/Laxmikant*