



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) No.6408 of 2026

*RM Ore and Metal Trading LLP,
Bhubaneswar*

....

Petitioner

Ms. Trisha Shreyashi, Advocate

-versus-

*Orissa Mining Corporation,
Bhubaneswar and another*

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. Pravat Kumar Muduli, Advocate

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

24.03.2026

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02. 1. It is revealed from the facts adumbrated by the writ petitioner that being limited liability partnership firm engaged in mining and mineral trading activities, it participated in the 196th e-auction conducted on 17.10.2025 by Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for sale of Iron Ore Fines from various Mines including Kurumitra/Khandadhar Mines under Koira Region, wherein it emerged as successful bidder and was issued contract confirmation on 19.10.2025 for lifting of 5000 metric tonne Iron Ore Fines for a specified period up to 27.11.2025.
2. It is submitted by Ms. Trisha Shreyashi, learned Advocate that dispatch operations were suspended for 18 days due to law and order issues and such operation was also halted for further two days on account of visit of the Managing Director. The operations were closed for two days owing to maintenance of conveyor belt. These disruptions attributable to the opposite



parties deterred the petitioner from complying with the entrusted work within the stipulated period.

- 2.1. Since the circumstances were beyond the control of the petitioner though it showed its willingness to lift the remaining quantities, no attention is paid by the authorities concerned. It is stated that the petitioner has made several approaches and filed representations before the Managing Director, Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar (opposite party No.1) on 02.12.2025, 06.01.2026 and 04.02.2026 seeking extension of three working days to lift the remaining material.
3. Mr. Pravat Kumar Muduli, learned Advocate for the opposite parties opposing the stand taken by the learned counsel for the petitioner argued that though the aforesaid representations dated 02.12.2025, 06.01.2026 and 04.02.2026 *vide* Annexure-3 series are pending before the opposite party No.1, no relief as sought for by the petitioner can be granted as in terms of Clause-14 of the e-auction notice dated 17.10.2025 *vide* Annexure-1, no extension can possibly be granted inasmuch as the delivery period is scheduled to be 40 days from the date of contract.
4. Heard Ms. Trisha Shreyashi, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Pravat Kumar Muduli, learned Advocate for the opposite parties.
5. The prayer of the petitioner in the writ petition runs as follows:



“In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, it is most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

Issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the Opp. Parties to forthwith consider and dispose of the Petitioner's representations dated 01.12.2025, 06.01.2026 and 04.02.2026, under Annexure-3 Series in accordance with law within a stipulated time frame;

And/Or

Issue a writ directing the Opp. Parties to grant reasonable extension of time, after considering the said representations under Annexure 3 Series so as to enable the Petitioner to lift the balance quantity of 1275.830 MT of Iron Ore Fines under Contract No. 0150033493;

And/Or

And may pass any appropriate order as deemed just and proper.

And for this act of kindness, the petitioner shall, as in duty bound shall ever pray.”

6. Considering the difficulties faced by the petitioner while executing the terms contract as highlighted in the writ petition as also in the representations stated to have been pending, it is felt expedient that the grievance of the petitioner is required to be addressed to by the authority concerned. Therefore, it is apt to direct the opposite parties to consider and dispose of the representations dated 01.12.2025, 06.01.2026 and 04.02.2026 pending before the Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar (opposite party No.1) *vide* Annexure-3 series, within a period of two weeks from the date



of production of the copy of this order by affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and the decision taken thereon shall be communicated to the petitioner immediately. Needless to observe that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case.

7. With the aforesaid observations and direction, the writ petition along with the pending Interlocutory Application (s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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