



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.1303 of 2026

*Suryamani Majhi* .... *Petitioner(s)*

*Mr. Braja Mohan Sarangi, Adv.*  
-versus-

*Iswar Pradhan, Sr. Mining  
Officer, Nayagarh* .... *Contemnor(s)/  
Opposite Party(s)*

*Mr. Raj Bhusan Dash, ASC*

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI**

Order No.

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ORDER

24.03.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard.
3. Learned counsel for the State has produced the written instruction dated 24.03.2026 issued by the Mining Officer-cum-Competent Authority, Minor Mineral, Nayagarh, wherein the relevant paragraphs are reproduced below:

" ...

*Para No.2 That as per order dated 08.01.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court on dated 08.01.2026, the petitioner has not complied the order and not submit/approach this office to release his vehicle and also not submit any requisite documents in support of his claim.*

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*Para No.4 That an amount of Rs.4,46,380/- has been assessed for illegal extraction and transporting of minor minerals for which he has been noticed vide this office letter no.46/Mines dated 16.01.2026 but till date it has not been realized.*

*Para No.5 That due to non-submission of requisite documents nor deposing the Govt. dues for unauthorized transportation and extraction of minor minerals the vehicle has not been released."*

4. The said written instruction is taken on record.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the respective parties and on perusal of the written instructions submitted by learned counsel for the State, this Court is of the considered opinion that no case of contempt is made out.

6. Accordingly, the CONTC stands disposed of. The contempt proceedings are hereby dropped.

7. It is observed that the Petitioner shall approach the Mining Officer-cum-Competent Authority, Minor Mineral, Nayagarh, along with all requisite documents in support of his claim within a period of one week from today. The Petitioner is further directed to deposit the amount assessed towards illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals before the said authority.

8. Upon such compliance, the said Authority shall consider the case of the Petitioner and take appropriate steps, in



accordance with law, for release of the Petitioner's vehicle,  
as expeditiously as possible.

9. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

*(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)*  
*Judge*

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