



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

**W.P.(C) No.7609 of 2026**

***Basanta Kumar Sahoo*** .... ***Petitioner***

Mr.Ashok Kumar Behera, Advocate  
-versus-

***State of Odisha and others*** .... ***Opposite Parties***

Ms.Biswabara Dash, Addl. Standing Counsel

**CORAM:**

**THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**AND**

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

**ORDER**

**07.04.2026**

**Order No.**

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1. It is submitted by Ms.Biswabara Dash, learned Addl. Standing Counsel that the instruction received by her reveals that there are dues which are required to be paid by the petitioner after execution of the quarry lease and unless the same is/are paid, the consent to operate the lease cannot be issued.
2. On the other hand, counsel for the petitioner submits that all dues which are required to be paid by the petitioner has already been deposited and/or paid, and, therefore, the stand of the authorities in this regard is factually incorrect and not tenable.
3. In view of the conflicting stand having taken before us, we feel that the State must be given an opportunity to file a counter affidavit disclosing the facts as stated before us.
4. Let the counter affidavit be filed within a week from date after serving copy thereof on learned counsel for



the petitioner; rejoinder thereto, if any, shall be filed before the next date.

5. List this matter on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

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

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

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