



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.8472 of 2026

M/s.LA FUEL KSK, Joda, Keonjhar, ***Petitioner***
represented through its Proprietor Sri
Bikash Ranjan Mohanty and Another

Ms. A. Pal, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha, represented through its
Secretary, Commerce and Transport ***Opposite Parties***
Department and Others

Mr. G. Tripathy, AGA

Mr. P. Behera, counsel for Transport Authority

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
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01. 1. Heard Ms. A. Pal, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. P. Behera, learned counsel for Transport Authority as well as Mr. G. Tripathy, learned AGA.
2. The grievance of the petitioner is that he is the owner of the vehicle bearing registration number OD-09-A-1002, which is a goods carrier. A Challan dated 3rd January, 2025 was issued against the driver under Section 185 of the MV Act for drunken driving and fine amount of Rs.10,000/- was imposed. However, the matter went to the court of learned J.M.F.C. (Transport), Cuttack and in the meantime the driver has left the job and went somewhere else. But while paying the Challan amount the same is not accepted by the court in absence of the accused driver.
3. It is further submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the accused driver has now left the job and his whereabouts is not known to the petitioner and the Challan is pending against his vehicle.



4. Accordingly the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned JMFC (Transport) Cuttack to accept the compounding fee amounting Rs.10,000/-, if deposited by the owner of the vehicle in connection with Challan bearing No.OR128633250103153813.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K.Panda