



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.9617 of 2023

Vedanta Ltd., through its General Counsel (Aluminium & Power), Kalahandi ***Petitioner***

Mr. Vikas Singh, Senior Advocate
Mr. Dhruv Mehta, Senior Advocate
assisted by Ms. Deepika, Mr. Udayan Verma,
Anubhav Ray, Satya Smriti Mohanty
and Mr. Prashanta Kumar Nayak, Advocates

-versus-

Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. and others ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. Raj Kumar Mehta, Senior Advocate along
with Mr. Pravat Kumar Muduli, Advocate
and Ms. Himanshi Audley, Advocate for O.P. No.1
Mr. Pitambar Acharya, Advocate General for O.P. No.2
Mr. Prasanna Kumar Parhi, DSGI along
with Mr. S.S. Kashyap, CGC for O.P. No.3

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER
10.11.2025

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14. 1. The matter was argued substantially. At this stage, it is submitted by learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioner that though the facts have already been pleaded in the writ petition, there is no express relief claimed therein, and, therefore, he may be permitted to take out an application for amendment in order to bring all such issues to be decided by this Court. It is further submitted that if all the issues are not brought within one compartment, it may create an anomalous situation and at times may invite multiple



proceedings, and therefore, in order to avoid the same, he may be permitted to take out such application.

2. However, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India appearing for the Union of India prays for further extension of time to file an affidavit. In view of the situation having arisen in course of the proceedings, we permit the Union of India to file affidavit within two weeks from date.

3. We also permit the petitioner to take out an application for amendment, if so advised, within a week from date. In the event such application is filed, it is open to the contesting opposite parties to file the counter affidavit to an application for amendment within one week from the date of the service of copy of an application for amendment. Rejoinder, if any, be filed within three days thereafter.

4. List this matter on 3rd December, 2025.

5. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

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