



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.18340 of 2026

Ratnakar Pradhan

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Dwibedi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha, represented through its Opposite Parties
Principal Secretary, Department of
Steel and Mines and Others

Mr. G. Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
22.6.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. S.K. Dwibedi, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. G. Tripathy, learned AGA for State opposite parties.
2. The petitioner has come up challenging the impugned order of demand notice regarding payment of compounding fee amounting Rs.4,14,472/- as per Annexure-2, for illegal transportation of sand in the Hyva bearing registration number OD-02-BD-9052.
3. As seen from Annexure-2, the Mining Officer-cum-Competent Authority, Minor Mineral, Nayagarh has issued the notice for deposit of compounding fee to the aforementioned tune.
4. As such, the writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the authorities to proceed in accordance with law in respect of the vehicle in question. However, without prejudice to the contention of the petitioner, in the event he deposits a sum of Rs.50,000/- (fifty thousand only) in cash and the rest amount as property security in respect of the demanded amount as per Annexure-2, before the authority within a period of 15 days from today along with certified



copy of this order and a copy of the writ petition, his vehicle may be released in his favour as an interim measure, subject to final decision to be taken by the authority.

5. An urgent certified copy of this order shall be issued on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K.Panda