



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.18245 of 2026

Mona Mantri

.... ***Petitioner***

Ms. S.Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others

.... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. R.Pradhan, ASC

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
22.06.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Ms. Panda, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. Pradhan, learned ASC for State opposite parties.
2. The petitioner has come up challenging the impugned order of demand notice regarding payment of compounding fee amounting Rs.3,04,664/- as per Annexure-3, for illegal transportation of sand in the Truck bearing registration number OD-05-AG-8340.
3. As seen from Annexure-3, the office of Mining Officer, Cuttack Circle 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 she deposits a sum of Rs.40,000/- (forty thousand only) in cash and the rest amount as property security in respect of the demanded amount as per Annexure-3, 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

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