



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.19066 of 2026

Amulya Puhan and others* *Petitioners

Mr. Pratyasish Mohanty, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and others* *Opp. Parties

Mr. S.N. Nayak, ASC

**CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO**

**ORDER
25.06.2026
(Hybrid Mode)**

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.
2. The petitioners for reasons best known to them 73 number have stated to be members of Truck Owners' Association, Jajpur Road have approached this Court. On being asked why the 73 persons have approached instead of one person in representative capacity as per the bye law, the learned counsel for the petitioners has no immediate answer. They challenge the order dated 13.05.2026 passed by the Additional District Magistrate, Kalinga Nagar, Jajpur Road, Jajpur which indicates thus:

“This is regarding passing of orders to resolve disputes between two Truck Owners Associations namely Jajpur Road Truck Owner Association and Vyasanagar Truck Owner Association to avoid law and order situation.



A meeting was convened after due notice issued to both the Associations, namely the Jajpur Road Truck Owners Association and the Vyasaganagar Truck Owner Association, The members of both associations were present during the meeting.

The members of both the Associations have put forth their demands.

During the course of the meeting, it was seen that two separate resolutions/proceedings dated 12.08.2025 and 31.03.2026 had been passed by the Additional District Magistrate, Kalinga Nagar to tackle the tussles between the above-mentioned Truck Owners Associations, to avoid law and order situations, wherein several decisions had been taken.

However, the Vyasaganagar Truck Owners Association had raised a grievance that the Jajpur Road Truck Owners Association was not renewing the vehicle registrations of its members in the register maintained by the Jajpur Road Truck Owners Association.

In the meeting held on 31.03.2026, the matter was deferred for a final decision on a later date; So, this meeting.

Accordingly, both the Associations are present today i.e., on 13.05.2026, and their submissions are as follows."

3. Since the order dated 13.05.2026 is the administrative order by the Additional District Magistrate, the learned counsel for the petitioner was pointedly asked to refer to the portion of the order by which the 73 petitioners are aggrieved.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are aggrieved by the first, second and



third sub-paragraphs of the observations and decisions of the Additional District Magistrate at page-106. Along with the first, second and third paragraphs, the fourth and fifth paragraphs which are the entire observations and decision are reproduced herein:

“Upon perusal of all documents placed before the Additional District Magistrate, Kalinga Nagar, it is ascertained that both associations are separately registered entities and are functioning independently on different occasions. They are also taking different shares for Vyasaganar Municipality & Korai area separately.

It is a matter of fact that once a member has separated from one parent association and joined another rival association, such member cannot simultaneously continue as a member of both the associations.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that to maintain law and order situations. Both the Associations shall henceforth function independently and peacefully with their respective registered members. Membership shall be determined on the basis of registration records, and therefore, members registered under the Vyasaganar Truck Owners Association need not have their vehicles renewed under the Jajpur Road Truck Owners Association. As both the Associations have registration papers.

Regarding the allegations of irregularities, corruptions, illegal activities and non-conduct of General Body Meetings, the Additional District Magistrate, Kalinga Nagar has no jurisdiction to adjudicate upon such matters, as both associations are registered under separate registering authorities.



Accordingly, the concerned parties may approach the appropriate registering authority if they have any grievances needs to be redressed.

Both the Associations are hereby directed to maintain peace and tranquility in the region."

5. In considered opinion of this Court, none of the observation and decision of the Additional District Magistrate is against the petitioners rather the administrative decision is for achieving peace and tranquility in the region as observed by the administrative authority. In considered view of this Court, in judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the satisfaction of the authority cannot be looked into.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners take exception to the fifth subparagraph of the order dated 13.05.2026 at Annexure-9 which reads thus:

"However, the Vyasaganagar Truck Owners Association had raised a grievance that the Jajpur Road Truck Owners Association was not renewing the vehicle registrations of its members in the register maintained by the Jajpur Road Truck Owners Association."

7. Having gone through the said paragraphs, there is nothing to show that the petitioners can be aggrieved as it is a statement of facts alleged by the parties before the administrative authority. Certain others submissions have been made by the learned



counsel for the petitioners that the present petitioners have formed a trade union due to which they have been barred to re-register their vehicles under the society-opposite party no.8. Regarding the same, it is apparent upon perusal of the representation of the petitioners at Annexure-8 dated 05.02.2026 was not the subject matter before the Additional District Magistrate.

8. This Court does not express any opinion if the petitioners can avail any remedy, if so advised under the provisions of law.

9. As a last submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners wants adjournment which is granted reluctantly.

The matter shall be listed for fresh admission in the week commencing 20.07.2026.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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