



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.20819 of 2026

Debendra Kumar Behera ***Petitioner***
Ms. Sujata Jena, Sr. Advocate along with
Ms. Sonali Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha, represented through its
Commissioner-Cum- Secretary,
Department of Steel and Mines and ***Opposite Parties***
Others
Ms. U. Padhi, ASC

CORAM:
SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
8.7.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Ms. S. Jena, learned senior counsel for the petitioner and Ms. U. Padhi, learned ASC for State – opposite parties.
2. The petitioner has challenged the final order of the authority dated 25th May, 2026 at Annexure-5 wherein the compounding proceeding in respect of the vehicle of the petitioner bearing registration number OD-33-AE-7419 was finalized with the order confirming the initial demand of Rs.4,04,664/-. The authorities are further proposed to initiate proceeding for confiscation and certificate proceeding.
3. Issue notice. Ms. Padhi, learned ASC accepts notice for opposite parties No.1 to 4, 6 and 7 and Mr. P. Behera, learned counsel accepts notice for opposite party No.5.
4. List the matter on 1st September, 2026.



I.A. No.12631 of 2026 & 12633 of 2026

02. 5. As an interim measure it is directed that, in the meantime the proceedings as proposed in the impugned order at Annexure-5 may continue but the vehicle of the petitioner will continue to be on interim release in his favour till 1st September, 2026.
6. It is further observed that in the event the petitioner applies for renewal of fitness and validity of tax in respect of said vehicle in the meantime, the same may be considered in accordance with law, without being influenced by the impugned order at Annexure-5.
7. An urgent certified copy of this order be issued on proper application.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

M.K.Panda