



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.24189 of 2025

***M/s.Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd.
Bhadrak and another***

.... ***Petitioners***
Mr.A.K.Parija, Sr.Advocate

-versus-

Union of India and others

.... ***Opposite Parties***
Mr.B.Moharana, Sr.Panel Counsel

**CORAM:
JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY**

**ORDER
19.2.2026**

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1. Heard Mr. Parija, learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioners and Mr.Moharana, learned Senior Panel Counsel for the Union of India.

2. As per Office Memorandum dated 20th January 2026 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, it is instructed that all such alleged violation cases may be processed, but no final order granting approval shall be issued till further orders passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, the Petitioner prays for consideration of processing his application in terms of the instructions contained in Office Memorandum dated 20th January 2026.

3. Mr.Moharana, learned Senior Panel Counsel, on the other hand, submits that once it is admitted that the application of



the Petitioner has already been rejected on 21st July 2025, which is the subject matter of challenge (Annexure-35) in present writ petition, the question would be that whether his application can again be processed in terms of fresh Office Memorandum dated 20th January 2026.

4. Mr.Moharana further submits that he will take specific instruction as to applicability of Office Memorandum dated 20th January 2026 to the present facts of the case, particularly when application of the Petitioner has already been disposed of in the meantime after 2nd January 2024.

5. List on 23rd March 2026.

6. Interim order passed earlier shall continue till 23rd March 2026.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge