



W.P. (C) No.27333 of 2025

The "Z", a partnership ... ***Petitioner***
firm having its
registered office at
M4/34, Acharya Vihar,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha
represented through
its Managing Partner,
Tapan Kumar Mohanty

Mr. S. S. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and Opposite Parties

Mr. P. K. Ray, AGA

**CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH
ORDER
31.03.2026**

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07. 1. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Mohanty, referring to the impugned notice dated 01.09.2025 relating to payment of arrears of license fee submits that though in the said notice the Petitioner has been called upon to pay the arrears amounting to Rs.3,23,70,625.00/- stated to be till 31.07.2025, the date from which such amount has become due is conspicuous by its absence.



2. On going through the recitals of the said Annexure-3, it is seen that reference therein has been made to an earlier demand Letter No.4180 of 2025. However, the said letter is admittedly not part of the pleadings.

3. Learned counsel for the State, Mr. Ray, learned AGA is requested to place on record Letter No.4180 dated 18.08.2025, since a grievance is made that though the demand is now being raised from the year 2015, there had been no prior communication regarding any dues to be cleared by the Petitioner until the issuance of the impugned demand under Annexure-3.

4. Taking into account the nature of the lis, which primarily relates to the calculation of license fee vis-à-vis the area covered by lease, notwithstanding the pendency of the writ petition, the learned counsels shall obtain instructions as to whether both sides are agreeable to explore the possibility of settlement through ADR by way of mediation.

5. Accordingly, list this matter on 27.04.2026.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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