



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.27572 of 2025

Bachan Pradhan

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Petitioner

Mr. Siba Prasad Patra, Advocate

-versus-

***Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Sambalpur
& others***

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Swayambhu Mishra,

Additional Government Advocate

(For Opp. Party No.3)

Mr. Pravat Kumar Muduli, Advocate

(For Opp. Party No.1&2-MCL)

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER

11.02.2026

I.A. No.1714 of 2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. This is an application for amendment of the writ petition.
 3. Mr. Patra, learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that at the time of filing of the writ petition, some relevant facts could not be stated. Further, delay in filing the writ petition could not be explained properly. Hence, this application for amendment has been filed. He, therefore, prays for allowing the proposed amendments as per schedule of the I.A., to be incorporated in the writ petition.
 4. Mr. Mishra, learned Additional Standing Counsel and Mr. Muduli, learned Counsel for the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Sambalpur vehemently object to the prayer for amendments stating that the amendments sought to be incorporated in the writ petition are after thought and merit no consideration.



5. Upon hearing learned Counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that at the time of adjudication of a petition for amendment of the pleadings, the Court should not go into the merit of the amendment proposed to be made to the pleadings. The Court has to scrutinise as to whether the same are necessary for proper adjudication of the case or not.

6. In view of the above, this Court feels that the amendments sought for, should be allowed.

7. Accordingly, the prayer for amendment is allowed. Consolidated writ petition incorporating the amendments as per the schedule of the I.A. shall be filed by 16th February, 2026 serving copy thereof on learned Counsel for the Opposite Parties.

8. Accordingly, the I.A. stands disposed of.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge

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1. Put up this matter on 25th March, 2026.
 2. Instruction, if any, in the writ petition shall be taken in the meantime.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

(S.K. Mishra)
Judge