



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.18392 of 2026

Purushottam Behera

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Abhaya Kumar
Behera

-versus-

State of Odisha and another

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Sachidananda Nayak,
ASC for O.P. No.1

Mr. Pravakar Behera,
Standing Counsel for the
O.P. No.2

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

29.07.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as Mr. Pravakar Behera, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Opposite Party No.2-Transport Department. Perused the writ petition as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. By filing the present writ petition, the Petitioner has prayed for the following reliefs:-

“It is, therefore, prayed that your Lordships shall be graciously pleased to admit the above writ application and issue a writ of Mandamus directing



the Opposite Party No.2 to consider and dispose of the petitioner's application dated 06.12.2025 for grant of permit on the route from Darakhuli to Balasore, and back with inter-trip from Sergarh to Nilagiri and back in respect of his vehicle No. OD-OIAA-0184.

AND pass such other further orders as deem fit and proper.”

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the Petitioner, who happens to be a registered owner of a bus, has applied for a new temporary route permit before the Regional Transport Authority, Balasore, Opposite Party No.2. He further contended that although such application was submitted on 06.12.2025, however, the same has not been considered and disposed of as of now. Being aggrieved by the inaction of the Opposite Party No.2, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

5. Mr. Pravakar Behera, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Opposite Party No.2-Transport Department, on the other hand, contended that though he has no specific instruction in the matter, however, in the event such application is pending before the Opposite Party No.2 and no final decision has been taken thereon, he will have no objection in the event this Court directs the Opposite Party No.2 to consider and dispose of the application of the Petitioner in accordance with the applicable rules and guidelines within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and without expressing any



opinion on the merits of the case, this Court disposes of the writ petition at the stage of admission with a direction to the Opposite Party No.2 to consider the application of the Petitioner dated 06.12.2025 under Annexure-1 in accordance with the applicable rules and guidelines within a period of four weeks from the date of production of a certified copy of this order. It is needless to mention here that the application of the Petitioner shall be considered and disposed of by passing a speaking and reasoned order. Any decision so taken on the said application shall be communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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