

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPC No. 1305 of 2018

Dharmendra Chopra, S/o Late Shri Pukhraj Chopra, aged about 51 years,
R/o Village Sambalpur, Police Station Bhanupratappur, Tahsil and District
North Bastar – Kanker (C.G.) **---- Petitioner**

Versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh, through Secretary, Mineral Resources Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining – Chhattisgarh, Indrawati Bhawan,
Sachivalaya, New Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)
3. Collector, North Bastar, Collectorate, District Kanker (C.G.)
4. Mining Officer, North Bastar, Collectorate, District Kanker (C.G.)
5. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), East Bhanupratappur Division,
Bhanupratappur, Kanker, District Kanker (C.G.) **---- Respondents**

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Amrito Das, Advocate.
For Respondent / State	:	Mr. Gary Mukhopadhyay, G. A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

08/05/18

1. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that petitioner's application for renewal / extension of mining lease of the subject lease is pending consideration before Collector, Department of Mining, District Kanker since 17.11.2011 (Annexure – P/11) that may be directed to be considered and decided expeditiously.
2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. The prayer appears to be fair and reasonable and is accordingly allowed.
4. Be that as it may, the concerned officer is directed to take decision on the petitioner's said application expeditiously preferably within a period of six weeks' from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and the

question of environmental clearance shall also be considered.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter.

6. With the aforesaid observation, the writ petition stands finally disposed of. No order as to cost(s).

Sd/-

(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge