

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.4523 of 2022

Kamakshya Prasad Sahoo ***Petitioner***

-versus-

State of Odisha and others ***Opposite Parties***

**CORAM:
THE JUSTICE S.PUJAHARI**

**ORDER
04.03.2022**

**Order
No.**

02. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. The Petitioner has filed this writ petition praying for a direction to the opposite parties to release the vehicle bearing registration number OR-06-J-0554 on the ground that the said vehicle has been illegally seized by the I.I.C, Motanga.
3. Learned for the State, on instruction, submits that the vehicle of the Petitioner being involved in an offence under the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules was seized and the Tahasildar, Odapada has given notice to the Petitioner imposed the penalty but the Petitioner having not accepted the same, the notice was pasted in the door leaf of his house. But the Petitioner suppressing the same has come to this Court by filing this writ petition.

4. Since the vehicle of the Petitioner has been seized in connection with an offence stated to have been committed, it cannot be said that the vehicle was illegally taken from the possession of the Petitioner by the I.I.C. Motanga. Therefore, this writ petition is without any substance. Hence, the writ petition is devoid of merit.

5. But, considering the aforesaid facts and the submissions made, this Court disposes of the writ petition with a direction to the Tahasildar, Odapada that on appearance of the petitioner along with a certified copy of this order, to provide him a copy of the notice in order to enable him to comply with the same or challenge the same, if so aggrieved, in appropriate forum.

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

(S. Pujahari)
Judge