

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 14203 OF 2022

M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd., Jajpur *Petitioner*
Mr. Subash Ch. Pani, Advocate

-versus-

R.T.O., Chandikhol *Opp. Party*
Mr. Pravakar Behera,
Standing Counsel

CORAM:
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

Order No.

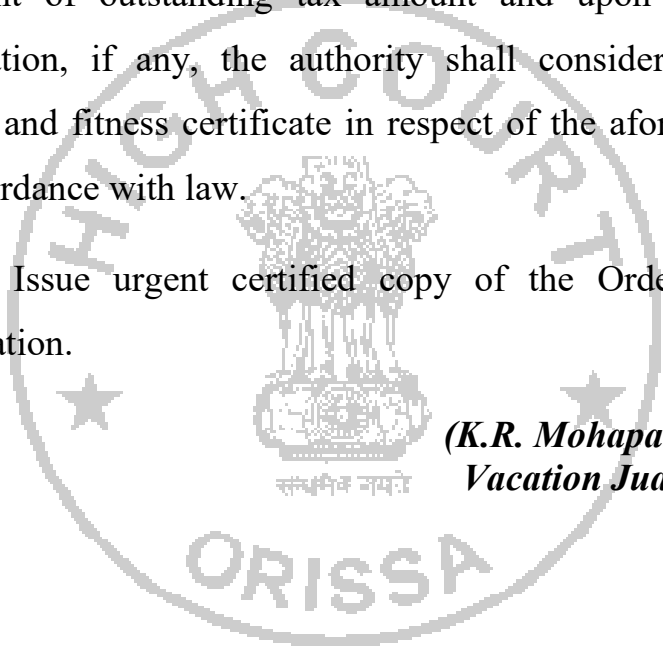
ORDER
07.06.2022

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. The Petitioner in this writ petition prays for a direction for exemption of penalties due to non- payment of tax of the vehicle bearing Registration No.OD-04-J-3929 (Tipper) for the period from April, 2020 onwards within the stipulated period.
3. Mr. Pani, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner may be permitted to pay the arrear tax and move the appellate authority challenging imposition of penalties. He further submits that due to some inadvertency, the Petitioner could not pay the tax in time in respect of the aforesaid vehicle for which the authorities have imposed penalties. He, therefore, prays for a direction for waiver of the penalties and acceptance of the arrear tax in question.
4. Mr. Behera, learned Standing Counsel for the Transport Department submits that similar writ petitions have been disposed of granting liberty to the Petitioners to pay the arrear tax and file an appeal before the appellate authority assailing

imposition of penalties.

5. Taking into consideration the submissions of learned counsel for the parties, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction that in the event the Petitioner pays the arrear tax in respect of the vehicle bearing registration No. OD-04-J-3929 (Tipper) within a period of four weeks and gives an undertaking to the effect that he will file an appeal before the appellate authority for waiver of the penalties, the appropriate authority shall accept the same and proceed in accordance with law. On payment of outstanding tax amount and upon filing of an application, if any, the authority shall consider issuance of permit and fitness certificate in respect of the aforesaid vehicle in accordance with law.

Issue urgent certified copy of the Order on proper application.

The seal of the High Court of Orissa is a circular emblem. It features the Ashoka Lion Capital in the center, flanked by two stars. The words "HIGH COURT" are written in an arc at the top, and "ORISSA" is written in an arc at the bottom. Below the lion capital, the text "संघमिक न्यायो" is visible. To the right of the seal, the signature and title of the judge are provided.
(K.R. Mohapatra)
Vacation Judge

s.s.satapathy