

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 18240 OF 2022

***Pradyumna Chandra Pradhan @
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Petitioner

Mr. Rabindra Kumar Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

.... Opp. Parties

Mr. Pravakar Behera,
Standing Counsel

**CORAM:
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER
28.07.2022**

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. This writ petition has been filed seeking for a direction for release of vehicle bearing Registration No.OD-12-4961 (Mahindra Tractor), which has been seized in connection with a forest offence.
3. It is submitted by Mr. Sahoo, learned counsel for the Petitioner that upon seizure of the aforesaid vehicle, confiscation proceeding in O.R. Case No.51 of 2020-21 has already been initiated in respect of the said vehicle. Hence, he submits that interest of justice will be best served, if a direction is made for early disposal of the confiscation proceeding.
4. Taking into consideration the submission made by learned counsel for the Petitioner, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction that the Petitioner is at liberty to move the Authorized Officer-cum-Asst. Conservator of Forest, Baliguda Forest Division, Kandhamal-Opposite Party No.3 for early disposal of the confiscation proceeding in O.R. Case No.51 of 2020-21.

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

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge