

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
W.P.(C) NO. 19510 OF 2022

Lalji Singh

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Petitioner

Mr. Dibyajyoti Shoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and another

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. Pravakar Behera, Standing Counsel
(For Transport Department)

CORAM:

JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

16.08.2022

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. The Petitioner in this writ petition prays for a direction to send the Challan/VCR dated 4th December, 2021 in respect of the vehicle bearing Registration No.OR-16-A-8649 (Truck) to the jurisdictional Magistrate for appropriate relief. He further prays for a direction to the Regional Transport Officer, Jharusuguda to consider his case for issuance of fitness certificate and permit.
3. Mr. Behera, learned Standing Counsel for Transport Department submits that in view of Section 194 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (for short 'the Act'), the Petitioner is required to appear before the Authority, who has issued the VCR and pray for transmission of the record to the jurisdictional Magistrate, if he wants to contest the case. The Petitioner has not yet appeared before the authority and made such prayer. Since the Challan/VCR amount is Rs.1,42,126/-, the Petitioner may be

directed to deposit up-to-date MV Tax along with 50% of the balance VCR amount and contest the case before the jurisdictional Magistrate. He further submits that the Petitioner is required to produce the driving license in original of the driver of the offending vehicle for taking appropriate action.

4. Taking into consideration the submissions of learned counsel for the parties, this Court directs that without prejudice to the case of either parties, in the event the Petitioner deposits the entire MV Tax amount and 50% of the balance VCR amount before the R.T.O., Jharsuguda-Opposite Party No.2 along with driving license of the driver of the offending vehicle, the vehicle bearing Registration No.OR-16-A-8649 (Truck) shall be released and the Challan/VCR shall be transmitted to the jurisdictional Magistrate for adjudication in accordance with law. It is made clear that such deposit if made, as directed above, shall be subject to the result of the adjudication to be made by the jurisdictional Magistrate.

5. So far as issuance of fitness certificate and permit is concerned, the Petitioner may apply for the same to the R.T.O., Jharsuguda-Opposite Party No.2 by filing necessary application, which shall be considered in accordance with law.

6. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the writ petition is disposed of.

7. A copy of the writ petition along with a copy of this order shall be served on Mr. Behera, learned Standing Counsel

for Transport Department for onward communication to the Opposite Parties.

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

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge

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