IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.31983 of 2021

M/s. Richmegh Minerals Pvt. Ltd. and another .... ***Petitioners***

Mr. B. Panda, Senior Advocate

-versus-

The Income Tax Officer (Hqrs.), Sambalpur and others .... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. R. Chimanka, Senior Standing Counsel along with
Mr. A. Kedia, Junior Standing Counsel

CORAM:
THE CHIEF JUSTICE
JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
04.03.2022

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01. 1. The Petitioners are resisting the order dated 25th August 2021 passed under Section 127 (2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961centralising the cases of certain Assessees including the Petitioners with DCIT/ACIT Central, Jabalpur. The only ground urged is that Jabalpur is more than 650KMs away from Sambalpur and therefore not easily accessible.

2. Mr. Panda, learned Senior Advocate for the Petitioners is candid that in the present day the Income Tax authorities are also conducting their proceedings in virtual mode. Accordingly, there should be no difficulty in Assessees appearing before the said authorities in virtual mode upon request and subject to the convenience of the authority.

3. The Court permits the Assessees/Petitioners to request the authorities for virtual hearing wherever possible to tide over any difficulty they may have.

4. The Court is, in the circumstances, not persuaded to interfere in the matter. The writ petition is dismissed in the above terms.

5. An urgent certified copy of this order be issued as per rules.

(Dr. S. Muralidhar)
Chief Justice

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

S.K. Guin