

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9177 of 2026

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Manoj Kumar Son of Ramlagan Raut Resident of Village- Salika Lodipur,
Post Office- Lodipur, District- Sheikhpura, Bihar- 811105.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Sheikhpura.
3. The Mineral Development Officer, Sheikhpura.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Bipin Kumar, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Government Pleader (05)
For the Mines Dept.	:	Mr. Naresh Dikshit, Spl. PP Mines
	:	Ms. Shruti Singh, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 02-07-2026 Heard the parties.

2. The present petition has been preferred for the
grant of following relief(s):

*(i) to quash the Memo No. 558 dated
15.04.2026, issued by the Mineral Development
Officer, Sheikhpura (Respondent No. 03),
whereby and whereunder the vehicle of the
petitioner has been seized and also a fine of Rs.
8,81,600/- imposed to the petitioner.*

*(ii) for directing the District
Magistrate, Sheikhpura (Respondent No. 2) to
consider the representation of the petitioner*



where the petitioner has clearly mentioned that due to breakdown of vehicle, the petitioner was unable to arrive at the destination within the stipulated time period i.e. 12:43 PMon 14.04.2026. However, he assigned on 15.04.2026 at 7.30 A.M. which is quite possible due to vehicle breakdown.

(iii)for direction to the Respondents to consider the fact as merely due to slight time difference in assign at the destination, and in presence of reasonable delay the memo No. 558 dated 15.04.2026 is not as per law.

(iv) for any other writ/writs, order/orders, direction/directions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of this case.

3. After some arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner submit that he shall be submitting his proper application before the Mineral Development Officer, Sheikhpura so that an appropriate order is passed.

4. Learned counsel representing the Mines Department submit that an appropriate order shall be passed in



accordance with law, at an earliest.

5. In that background, the writ petition is disposed of directing the petitioner to approach the Mineral Development Officer, Sheikhpura in next four weeks and if such petition is preferred, the aforesaid respondent is duty bound to take up the matter/hearing the parties and take the matter to its logical conclusion in next three months.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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