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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**
**WP(C) No.10689 of 2026**

***Bhagyalaxmi Sahoo*** .... ***Petitioner***

Ms. S. Panda, Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha, represented through its Commissioner-cum Secretary, Steel and Mines Department and Others*** .... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. G.Tripathy, AGA

**CORAM:**
**SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY**

**ORDER**
**09.04.2026**

**Order No.**

01. 1. Heard Ms. Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Tripathy, learned AGA for State opposite parties.

2. The petitioner has come up challenging the impugned order of demand notice regarding payment of compounding fee amounting Rs.4,00,000/- as per Annexure-3, for illegal transportation of sand in the Tipper bearing registration number OD-05-BF-1746.

3. As seen from Annexure-3, the office of Deputy Director of Mines, Cuttack Circle has issued the notice for deposit of compounding fee to the aforementioned tune.

4. As such, the writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the authorities to proceed in accordance with law in respect of the vehicle in question. However, without prejudice to the contention of the petitioner, in the event she deposits a sum of Rs.50,000/- (fifty thousand only) in cash and the rest amount as property security in respect of the demanded amount as per Annexure-3, before the authority within a period of 15 days from today along with certified

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copy of this order and a copy of the writ petition, her vehicle may be released in her favour as an interim measure, subject to final decision to be taken by the authority.

5. An urgent certified copy of this order shall be issued on proper application.

***( B.P. Routray)***
***Judge***

***S.Das***