



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.17668 of 2026

Pradeep Kumar Patel

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Petitioner

Mr. Jaydeep Pal, Advocate

-versus-

***State Transport Authority, Odisha,
Cuttack represented through its
Secretary and Others***

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. G. Tripathy, AGA

Mr. P. Behera, counsel for Transport Department

CORAM:

SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER

29.6.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard Mr. J. Pal, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. G. Tripathy, learned AGA for State – opposite parties and Mr. P. Behera, learned counsel for Transport Authorities.
2. The grievance of the petitioner is that the time slot granted in respect of his vehicle, i.e. OD-16-K-0507, as per the permit from Burla to Rourkela via Sambalpur, Sundergarh & Back, has been changed recently in order to accommodate opposite party No.4's vehicle, without granting any opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. It is further submitted that the rationalization chart which was operating for long time has been changed by inserting opposite party No.4's vehicle without any prior notice or inviting objection from existing operators. Accordingly, petitioner has submitted his objection to the authorities under Annexure-5.



3. It is submitted by Mr. Pal, learned counsel on behalf of the petitioner that a direction for disposal of his objection by the authorities would serve the purpose.

4. Accordingly the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission, without expressing any opinion on the merits of contentions of the petitioner, with a direction to the Chairman, State Transport Authority (O.P. No.2) to consider the grievance of the petitioner as per the objection at Annexure-5 and take decision, in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order along with a copy of the writ petition. Till such decision is taken by opposite party No.2, the existing time table as per Annexure-2 may be followed.

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

(B.P. Routray)
Judge