



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**W.P.(C) No. 18226 of 2026**

***Santosh Kumar Patel***

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***Petitioner***

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

*-versus-*

- 1. Directorate of Minor Minerals, State of Odisha, represented through its Director, Head of Department Building, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar***
- 2. The Mining Officer, Rourkela circle, RTO Office Road, Udit Nagar, Rourkela, District-Sundaragh***

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***Opp. Parties***

Mr. S.N. Biswal, ASC

**CORAM:**

**THE HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO  
AND  
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V. NARASINGH**

**Order No.**

**ORDER  
12.06.2026**

(Through Virtual Mode)

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1. Heard Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. Biswal, learned counsel for the State.
  2. This writ application has been filed seeking a direction to the Opposite Party No.2 (The Mining Officer, Rourkela Circle) to consider the representation at Annexure-9 and extend the lease period by 3 year 9 months to meet the five year lease period under Rule 8(4) of the OMMCR Rules, 2016



in compliance of the Government Order vide Annexure-7 in respect of M/s.Deobhubanpur Stone Quarry.

3. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the lease deed in question was issued 13.04.2023 and thereafter, the letter regarding environmental clearance and consent order have been issued and permission to commence mining operation as well as blasting permission has been granted subsequently.

4. Relying on various decision of this Court, Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the lease is to be extended for a period of five years, which should be calculated from the date of execution of the deed. And, submits that as per the date mentioned in Annexure-1, the lease is to expire on 04.06.2026. Before expiry of the period, he has submitted the representation on 23.04.2026 for extension of the lease period.

5. Without going into the merits of the application or the representation, the writ application is disposed of directing the Opposite Party No.2 (The Mining Officer, Rourkela Circle) to dispose of the representation dated 23.04.2026 of the Petitioner, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of copy of this order along with writ petition.

6. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the Petitioner undertakes to file copy of this order along with writ application



before the Opposite Party No.2 (The Mining Officer, Rourkela Circle) by 18.06.2026.

7. Accordingly, the Writ petition along with pending I.As stand disposed of.

***(Savitri Ratho)***  
***Vacation Judge***

***(V. Narasingh)***  
***Vacation Judge***

*Santoshi/Ayesha*