

ITEM NO.5+31+32 Court 1 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION XI-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).8394/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-06-2021 in WP(C) No.17964/2021 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack)

MADAN PATRI & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF ORISSA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.73424/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

WITH

SLP(C) No.8432/2021 (XI-A)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.73729/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(C) No.8511/2021 (XI-A)

(IA No.74298/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.74299/2021 - Exemption from filing O.T.)

SLP(C) No.8609/2021 (XI-A)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.75148/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 06-07-2021 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. BOPANNA

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The Court is convened through Video Conferencing.

The present special leave petitions assail the common judgment and order dated 23.06.2021 passed by the High Court of Orissa, at Cuttack, in six Writ Petitions wherein a common challenge was made to the Order dated 10.06.2021 issued by the Office of the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC), Government of Odisha. Vide the said office order, apprehending that further Covid-19 surges may occur and would likely be compounded by large religious congregation, it was directed that "Rath Yatra/Car/festival shall be conducted this year in Badadanda of Lord Jagannath Temple Puri and nowhere else in the State in the same manner as was done last year." The High Court dismissed all the writ petitions taking into account the prevailing pandemic situation.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and carefully perusing the material placed on record, we see no reason to interfere with the impugned order passed by the High Court.

The special leave petitions are, accordingly, dismissed.

As a sequel to the above, pending interlocutory applications also stand disposed of.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
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