

02. 06.01.2021

Heard Mr. S.K. Dash, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. P.K. Parhi, learned Assistant Solicitor General for Union of India-O.P. Nos.1 & 2 by Video Conferencing mode.

The challenge in the present writ petition is to the amendment introduced i.e. Sub-Section (3) of Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, by Section 53 of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 restricting the period of filing of application for compensation after the occurrence of an accident.

Issue notice.

Mr. P.K. Parhi, learned Assistant Solicitor General accepts notice on behalf of Union of India-O.P. Nos.1 & 2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner shall serve extra copies of the petition on him within three days hence. Reply shall be filed within eight weeks hence and rejoinder thereto, if any, shall be filed by the next date.

Since O.P.No.3-Transport Development Council is not a necessary party in the present writ petition, Registry is directed to delete it from the cause title.

List this matter on 3rd May, 2021.

As restrictions are continuing for COVID-19, learned counsel may utilize the soft copy of this order available in the High Court's website or print out thereof at par with certified copies in the manner prescribed, vide Court's Notice No.4587, dated 25th March, 2020.

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(**Dr. S. Muralidhar**)
Chief Justice

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(**Dr. B.R. Sarangi**)
Judge