

**ODISHA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**ORDER SHEET**

Case No. 416 of 2021  
Rajendra Kumar Nayak & others

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	10-02-21	<p>This complaint has been filed by complainants Rajendra Kumar Nayak of village Ratanpur and others belonging to different villages within Gopalpur, Tumulia, Taparia, Kuchedega, Jharpalama and Sunderkheta Gram Panchayats under Hemgiri Block of Sundargarh District.</p> <p>In the complaint petition, serious allegations of violation of valuable human rights by transportation of coal in heavy vehicles on village roads have been made. The complainants have vividly described the ghastly situation leading to violation the rights to life, environment, livelihood, health, edible water etc. It is stated that such transportation of coal is from Kulda Opencast Coal Mining Project of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. to Rayagad district in the State of Chhatisgarh. The scenario depicted</p>	



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