



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.426 of 2026

Julia @ Ajit Kumar Pradhan ... ***Petitioner***

*Mr. D.P. Dhal, Sr. Advocate along
with Mr. K. Mohanty, Advocate
-versus-*

State of Orissa ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. T.K. Acharya, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):09.04.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Mr. Debi Prasad Dhal, learned Senior Counsel, who is being assisted by Mr. Kaustuva Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that one important witness namely Jyotsna Dalei is yet to be examined, although summons has been issued and DW is pending against her and, therefore, it is proper to ascertain from the learned trial Court about the status of the said witness. Further, Mr. Dhal also took this Court through the copy of the judgment by which co-accused has been acquitted, but on perusal of such judgment, it is found that there are number of independent as well as important witnesses like Mukunda Dalei, Pati @ Kati Dalei, Jyotsna Dalei, Maheswar Dalei, Dinabandhu Dalei, Srikanta Barik and Magagobinda Dalei. Further, Mr. Dhal seeks for some time to give a chart of witnesses, however, the learned



trial Court is requested to submit a report as to whether these witnesses whose names are referred to above have been examined in the meantime or not or what steps it has taken to examine such witnesses. The aforesaid information be produced before this Court on or before next date. Accordingly, list this matter in the week commencing from 04.05.2026.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Subhasmita