



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLREV No. 1 of 2003

Ananda @ Ananta Adakatia

Petitioner

Mr. S. Dwibedi, Amicus Curiae

-versus-

State of Odisha

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Opposite Party

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

24.02.2026

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13. 1. Heard Mr. Dwibedi, learned Amicus Curiae for the Petitioner.
2. It is urged by the learned Amicus Curiae that the appreciation of the evidence by the learned Trial Court as well as Appellate Court is perverse warranting interference.
3. This Court on perusal of the evidence of the prosecutrix P.W.12, the medical evidence as well as the evidence of the I.O. and other materials, is not persuaded to hold that there is any infirmity in recording the order of conviction under Section 376 of IPC.
4. It is apt to note that the learned Trial Court had imposed the sentence of 7 years which was reduced by the learned Appellate Court to 4 years.



5. It is apt to state here that the prosecution has not assailed the reduction of sentence.

6. The matter is adjourned to enable the learned Amicus Curiae for the Petitioner to address this Court on the question of awarding sentence less than the minimum as prescribed on the basis of precedents.

7. Accordingly, list this matter on 07.03.2026 as the first case on Board.

8. The names of the learned counsel Mr. B.N. Panda, Mr. M.R. Mohanty, Mr. M. Sahoo & Mr. N.K. Dash need not be reflected in the list any further.

9. The name of Mr. S. Dwibedi be indicated as the learned Amicus Curiae.

10. The written note of submission filed by the learned Amicus Curiae along with the decisions are taken on record.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

Ayesha