



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No. 71 of 2026

Prabhanjan Sahoo @ Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. Sandipani Nayak, Advocate

-versus-

***1. State of Orissa, represented through
District Magistrate, Sambalpur,***

2. A.D.M., Sambalpur

3. Superintendent of Police, Sambalpur

***4. Inspector In Charge (IIC),
Nakatideula, Sambalpur***

***5. Office In Charge of Court of Opp. Parties
Malkhana, Sambalpur***

Mr. Raj Bhusan Dash,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

25.02.2026

Order No.

(Through hybrid Mode)

02. 1. This CRLMP has been filed for a direction to Opposite Party No.2 – A.D.M., Sambalpur to release the ancestral gun vide No. SBBL Gun RK 59 with due consideration of Annexure-6 is order dated 08.09.2025 passed by this Court in CRLMP No. 672 of 2025 where this Court had directed as follows:-

“2. Keeping in view the aforesaid affidavit, the petition is disposed of with a direction that the concerned authority shall consider the representation of the petitioner, if any, pending as submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner since there is no proof filed before this



Court to that effect. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of two months from the date of furnishing the certified copy of this order and the result of such consideration be communicated to the Petitioner within one week thereof.”

2. After hearing Mr. Sandipani Nayak, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. Raj Bhusan Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel, it is apparent that the Petitioner did not make any representation before the appropriate authority.

3. Mr. Nayak, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is a rustic person and was not aware what representation he should file and before whom, hence representation was not filed.

4. From a perusal of the letter dated 12.09.2025 of the I.I.C., Naktideul Police Station addressed to the S.P., Sambalpur, it is found that the wooden part of the gun has been damaged and the other parts have been rusted and pitted, but in the meanwhile the gun has been repaired by the authorized dealer and is in good condition.

5. The instructions dated 23.02.2026 of the Additional Superintendent of Police, DIB, Sambalpur addressed to the Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack reveal that the gun is in safe custody in Naktideul Police Station and it can be released after the order is passed by the competent authority as well as issue of license.



6. In view of the above development, after the Petitioner is issued a gun license, he can make application before the competent authority for release of the gun along with the consent of original owner, which shall be disposed of in accordance with law expeditiously preferably within a period of three months in accordance with law.

7. The CRLMP is accordingly disposed of.

8. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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