



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

TRPCRL No.7 of 2025

Gopal Agrawal

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Sarangi, Sr. Advocate along with
Mr. A.K. Nayak, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

Mr. P.K. Mohanty, ASC
Mr. Sk. Zafarulla, Advocate
(for informant)

CORAM:

JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER

23.02.2026

(Hybrid Mode)

Order No.

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1. After hearing the matter in detail, the co-ordinate Bench by order dated 24.01.2025 had passed orders observing that if the petitioner shall file petition for adjournment before the trial court, the matter shall be deferred beyond 18.02.2025.

Thereafter by interim order dated 18.02.2025, the further proceeding in C.T. Case No.542 of 2018 was stayed. Before passing the interim order, the co-ordinate Bench has considered the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Madhya Pradesh vrs. Mishrilal and others; (2003) 9 SCC 426.***

Thereafter, the matter was listed before this Bench and on 22.04.2025, notices were issued and the learned



AGA was directed to obtain instruction. Thereafter by order dated 18.06.2025 another co-ordinate Bench directed continuance of the interim order which has been continued by the subsequent orders dated 11.07.2025, 19.08.2025, 13.10.2025, 25.11.2025 and 10.12.2025.

2. When the matter is taken up today, the learned Additional Standing Counsel seeks further time to obtain instruction. The learned counsel for the informant objects prayer for adjournment. In response to the said prayer, the learned counsel was asked whether informant has any stake as far as conducting the case is concerned. In response it is submitted, another case in which the informant is the accused is proceeding, for which he opposes adjournment.

In considered opinion of this Court such proposition cannot be under the provisions of law, a witness or informant can be vital interested apart from adducing evidence if required in the proceeding when the matter is pending before this Court and interim orders as passed.

3. List in the week commencing 16.03.2026.

The interim order dated 18.02.2025 shall continue till the next date of hearing.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge