



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1116 of 2026

Mahesh Barik

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Petitioner

Mr. T.P. Mohapatra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & another

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. S. N. Das, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

23.02.2026

Order

No.

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1. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. It is submitted to the Court that principal accused is responsible for the sexual mischief and not the petitioner, who happens to be his friend and said to have assisted him. Considering the above claim, this Court is inclined to direct the State to cause production of the case diary and also the victim's statement recorded during the investigation and before the Magistrate, if any.

2. List on 23rd March, 2026 for orders. This Court, however, as an interim measure, directs that the petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with Krushnaprasad P.S. Case No.133 of 2025 corresponding to Special G.R. Case No.77 of 2025 pending in the court of the learned A.D.J.-cum-Special Court under POCSO Act, Puri till the next date of hearing. In the meantime, notice to the informant and the same is directed to be served by the State with the assistance of the local PS with an early returnable date.



3. List on the date fixed for orders.
4. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

TUDU