



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No.179 of 2026

(CNR No. ODHC010082992026)

Annapurna Dash

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Petitioner

Mr. M. K. Chand, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

07.08.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant CRLMP is filed by the petitioner for a direction to the opposite parties and in particular, opposite party Nos.2 and 3 to hand over the investigation in connection with Pattamundai P.S. Case No.256 of 2024 to any other Senior Police Officer on the grounds stated.
3. This Court by order dated 27th February, 2026 had directed the State to obtain instruction, which has been received in the meantime with a letter from opposite party No.3 dated 3rd April, 2026 addressed to the office of learned AG, Odisha. Referring to the said letter, Mr. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State would submit the investigation is concluded and there is submission of a final report dated 20th February, 2025. In such view of the matter but considering the claim of the petitioner with the allegation against opposite party No.2, this Court is



inclined to direct opposite party No.2 to look into the same and thereafter, to take a decision and also regarding any such necessity for further investigation by such other police officer of the PS concerned as has been pleaded with intimation to the court concerned.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the CRLMP stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid.

6. Urgent copy of this order be issued as per rules.

7. A copy of the order be handed over to Mr. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State for its onward intimation to opposite party No.2 and early compliance.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge