



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No. 288 of 2026

Sujata Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. M.R. Das, Advocate

-versus-

***1. State of Odisha, represented through
its Secretary, Home Department,
Bhubaneswar***

***2. The Superintendent of Police,
Economic Offences Wing,
Bhubaneswar***

***3. ACP -cum- I/c of Cyber Crime &
Economic, Police Station,
Bhubaneswar***

***4. I.I.C., Cyber Police Station VSS
Nagar, Bhubaneswar***

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Amitabh Pradhan,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

31.03.2026

Order No.

(Through hybrid Mode)

03. 1. This CRLMP has been filed for a direction to the opposite parties for proper investigation of Cyber Crime and Economic Offences, UPD, Bhubaneswar P.S. Case No.309 dated 04.12.2024.
2. Pursuant to order dated 24.03.2026, Mr. Amitabh Pradhan, learned Additional Standing Counsel produces the instructions dated 30.03.2026 of the Inspector of Police, Cyber Crime and Economic Offences, Bhubaneswar UPD where it is stated as follows:-



“In inviting to the reference and subject cited above, I have honour to submit that, on the written report of the complainant Sujata Sahoo, W/O- Jadunath Sahoo of Flat No- B-23, Dream Villa, Pada Sahi, P.S- Nadankanan, Bhubaneswar bearing mob No. 6358752310 CC & EO P.S Case No-309, Date-04.12.2024 w/s-318(4)/319(2) BNS has been instituted and Insp. Teroskova Mohapatra was investigating into the case.

1. During course of investigation it was ascertained that, this is a case of Investment Casm of Rs-71,74,664/ She put all the transaction on the NCRP portal to find out the money trail.

2. On the mean time she has been transferred to Cuttack UPD and I have taken the charge of investigation of the case on 11.05.2025.

3. On 10.06.2025 I sent notice to the all concern banks to provide AOF, Linked mobile numbers and KYC with all money transactions to ascertain the accused persons.

4. On verification of all it was found that

SL No.	Beneficiary Account No. and IFSC Code	Money Transferred	Accused	State
1	039261900000425 YESB0000392	2,00,000/-	Lux Devchandkumar Mahesuriya, S/o-DEVCHANDKUMAR, 0, Near Ramji temple, Old police'line, DEESA, Banaskantha, Gujarat, 385535,	Gujurat
2	20100031175091 BDBL0002292	17,50,000/-	M/S RAJASAB CONSTRUCTION WORK, Prop. RAJASAB, C/o- Daulasab, AT- Ist Main, rd Cross, T Krishna Reddy Layout, Kalyannagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka, 560043	Bangalore/ Karnataka



3	40988100006758 BARBOTINWAR	11,68,345/-	Yet to verify	Yet to verify
4	43255313059 SBIN0018182	9,63,077/-	Kia Intellegent network global HR service private ltd, Maddula Madhu Sudhan Reddy, S/o- Maddula Venkat Reddy, 8-7-93/NE/28, Bhagyanagar Colony, Hastinapuram,	Andhra Pradash
5	10193363026 IDFB0022111	5,00,000/-	SHIV BHAGWAN U.P. TOUR TRAVELS, Bhagavan, AND Shiv Parameswardin, 105, Balu deeh, Mahewaganj, Kheri, UP,261506	U.P.
6	20100030083119 BDBL0002133	12,25,000/-	Srija Enterprises, Dip Nandy, Pratapgarh, Banshra, South, 24 Praganas, West Bengal, 743363	West Bengal
7	43055916474 SBIN0001784	3,26,308/-	Harshit Pandey, S/o- Kant U.P Rajesh Pandey, AT- Block No- Ganj, Kanpur, Swarup Nagar, Uttarpradesh, 34, 19/20, Macrobert 208002 Aadhar- 2847 9222 0774	U.P.
8	20100030368142 BDBL0002330	11,70,967/-	M/S MAHAKAL KRISHI SEVA KENDRA, Prop. PANKAJ NAGAR, Runijateh Badnagar, Runija, Ujjain, Badnagar, 456776, Madhya Pradesh,	Madhya Pradash
9	00060210002377 UCBA0000006	8,70,967/-	M A Traders, Sahe Alam, S/o- Md. Rais, 11/20, Ahiran, Zaidpur,	U.P.



			Dehat, Dist- Bara Banki, UP, 225414. Aadhar Card-2377 2749 2828	
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During course of investigation I went to Madhya Pradash on the month of Feb 2026 to apprehend the accused Pankaj Nagar, S/O- Bagdi Ram, Bhoi Mahalla, Vill-Madhupura, P.S- Bhatpachalan Dist- Ujjain, Madhya Pradash. With the help of local police. On 10.02.2026 I conducted raid and house search on the house of accused Pankaj Nagar, but found him. absent. I prepared the search list in presence of local witnesses namely 1) Tejram Kebat and Rajendra Dhakad of the locality.

6. That during course of investigation, the I.O has sent notice under Section-94 of BNSS to different bank (Nodal Officers) i.e. Bank of Baroda, Bandhan Bank, IDFC First Bank, ES Bank, UCO Bank and State Bank of India to freeze the disputed amounts transferred to the concerned bank accounts and has obtained KYC and account opening form of the aforesaid bank.

7. The victim filed CMC vide No.412 of 2025 and received amount Rs.20,000/- and other disputed amounts are lien marked. Due to insufficient balance the victim could not receive other lien amount.

8. That it is humbly submitted that for the verification and apprehension of the accused of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh she has obtained permission letter from Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack for conducting raid and apprehend the accused persons. But due to investigation in the other cases the I.O. could not able to proceed West Bengal & Andhra Pradesh.

9. I also engaged spy in the locality to get clue against him, and Local SHO is also keeping keen observation on his movement.

10. The process of investigation of the case is on progress.

This is for favour of kind information. ”

3. It is unfortunate that the concerned officer in spite of order dated 24.03.2026, has not mentioned the relevant dates in her



instructions, expecting the Court to refer to the Annexures and documents, she has given with the instructions.

4. It appears that investigation in the case is progressing at a slow pace in spite of the order dated 26.06.2025, where this Court had directed as follows:-

“3. Be that as it may, having regard to the gravity of the offence and in an eventuality when the cyber-crime is spearheading as a menace, it is expected that the Investigating Agency shall make every endeavor to have a proper and diligent investigation and submit the charge-sheet, if any, within a period of two months, if there be no other legal impediment.”

5. This Court in CRLMP No. 399 of 2025 by order dated 26.06.2025 had directed that the investigation should be completed within a period of two months, if there is no other legal impediment. Till date the investigation is pending.

6. After hearing the learned counsel, this Court is of the opinion that the investigation is not proceeding at the required pace as the I.O. in spite of obtaining permission from the S.P. on 28.11.2025, has not proceeded outside the State for conducting investigation.

7. The CRLMP is disposed of directing that investigation in the case be completed within a period of three months from today if there is no legal impediment.

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

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge