



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No. 250 of 2026

Santosh Chandra Deo

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Petitioner

Mr. Arun Kumar Acharya, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and Others

.....

Opposite Parties

Mr. R.B. Dash, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

25.02.2026

Order No.

(Through hybrid mode)

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1. This CRLMP has been filed with the following prayers:-

“The Petitioner, therefore, pray that your Lordship may be pleased to consider the facts stated in the petition, issue notice to the Opposite Parties to show cause as to why direction shall not be given to provide Police protection and to restrain the persons and the Committee from interfering with the temple administration and festivals of the Deity in question, who are not officially part of the temple management and its festivals and further to keep the festival ground free from outside enclosures during festive occasions; if the Opposite Parties fail to show cause, show insufficient cause, make the rule absolute; issue a writ of Mandamus commanding the Opposite Parties, more particularly Opposite Party Nos.3 and 4 to consider the following prayers of the Petitioner in letter and spirit;

a) Deploy a Police Outpost with sufficient force at the Kamaleshwar Dev Temple from 26th february to 3rd March and April 13th to April 20th for following festivals: bhogo



khiya, Dolo festival and Pana Sankranti festival;

b) Movement of the Deity for Bhogo khiya in Local Surrounding Should be under Direction of the Official Temple Management and Deulapada Villagers Guidance with Police Escort and Protection;

c) Provide Police Escort for the movement of the Deity towards the Dolo Festival from Deulapada to Krushna Prasad Palace Dolo festival Field on 2nd March;

d) Ensure Protection for the villagers of Daulopoda and temple staff from the interference or violence of unauthorized "Committees" or antisocial elements.

And this Hon'ble Court may further be pleased to pass any other order(s), direction(s), writ(s), as deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case;

And for this act of kindness, the Petitioner shall remain ever pray."

2. As Mr. Acharya, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the festivities will start day-after-tomorrow i.e. on 27.02.2026, hence list this matter tomorrow i.e. on 26.02.2026 to enable Mr. R.B. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel to obtain instructions in the matter.

3. In view of the urgency involved, it shall be mentioned in the cause list that this case will be taken up as the first case.

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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