



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**CRLMC No.949 of 2025**

**1) Sai Ranjan Pradhan**

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***Petitioners***

2) Rashmita Khatua

Represented By Adv. -  
Sunil Kumar Panda

-versus-

**1) State Of Odisha**

.....

***Opposite Parties***

2) Sharma Bepari

Represented By Adv. -  
Manas Ranjan Padhi

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

**CORAM:**  
**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR**  
**MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**  
**23.07.2025**

**Order No.**

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
  2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the Informant as well as learned counsel for the State. Perused the application as well as documents annexed thereto.
  3. The present application has been filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. with a prayer to quash the entire criminal proceeding against the Petitioners in Umerkote P.S. Case No.388 of 2022 which corresponds to G.R. Case No.536 of 2022 pending in the file of J.M.F.C., Umerkote.
  4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners at the outset contended that the above noted case was registered on the basis of an FIR lodged before the Umerkote P.S. on 04.11.2022 alleging commission of



offences under Sections 420 & 34 of IPC at the instance of the Informant-Opposite Party No.2. He further contended that in the meantime the matter has been amicably settled and that the Petitioners have paid the entire amount to the Informant. He further contended that the aforesaid FIR was registered due to a misunderstanding between the Petitioners and Informant and now the Informant does not want to proceed further in the present case. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioners contended that the criminal case against the Petitioners be quashed.

5. Learned counsel for the Informant on the other hand supported the submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioners. He further contended that in the meantime the Petitioners have repaid the entire amount of Rs.2,96,000/-. Accordingly, a joint affidavit has also been filed before this Court. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Informant contended that the does not want to proceed further in the present case.

6. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand submitted that the offences alleged are all compoundable in nature. Therefore, the parties should have approached the learned trial Court by filing an application under Section 320 of Cr.P.C instead of approaching this Court by filing the present application under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.

7. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, on a careful examination of the background facts, it appears that the case has already been compromised between both sides. It further appears that the Informant has received that the money allegedly taken away by the Petitioners. However, taking into consideration the submission made by learned counsel for the State



that the offences are compoundable in nature, this Court directs the parties to approach the learned trial Court by filing an application under Section 320 of Cr.P.C. with a prayer for compounding the offences. In such eventuality, the learned trial Court shall do well to consider and dispose of such application within a period of six weeks from the date of filing of such application by taking into consideration the fact that the matter has already been amicably settled between both sides.

8. Further, considering the prayer of the Petitioners that the Petitioners have not been released on bail, the Petitioners are directed to surrender before the Court below within two weeks from today. In such eventuality, the learned Court below shall consider the bail application of the Petitioners and dispose of the same on the very same day by keeping in view the fact that the matter has already been settled between both sides.

9. With the aforesaid observation/direction, the CRLMC stands disposed of.

**( Aditya Kumar Mohapatra )**  
**Judge**

S.K. Rout