



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMP No. 357 of 2026

Trilochan Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. Prafulla Kumar Biswal, Advocate

-versus-

Madhusmita Behera

.....

Opposite Parties

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

25.03.2026

Order No.

(Through hybrid Mode)

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1. This CRLMP has been filed challenging the order dated 28.01.2026 awarding interim maintenance of Rs.3,000/- per month from the date of filing of the petition i.e. on 01.11.2019 along with Rs.3,000/- towards litigation expenses.

2. Mr. Biswal, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the Opposite Party is not the married wife of the petitioner. On the other hand, she was married to one Ranjan Kumar Behera on 24.08.2014 and has also sworn an affidavit before the Notary Public, Chandikhole to that effect and since date of marriage, she is residing with Ranjan Kumar Behera and has made false allegations that she has married the present petitioner.

3. Perusal of the CRLMP and the Annexure reveals that the criminal proceeding No. 174 of 2019 is pending in the Court of the learned Family Court, Kendrapara since about 6 years and the order of interim maintenance has been passed on 28.01.2026.

4. Mr. Biswal, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on account of the inaction / failure of the Opposite Party to pursue the CRP, the matter is pending since all these years and now he has been



directed to pay interim maintenance with effect from 2019.

5. Issue notice to the Opposite Party returnable within four weeks.
6. Requisites for issuance of notice on Opposite Party by speed post with AD shall be filed by 30.03.2026.
7. List this matter on 06.05.2026.
8. Registry is directed to call for a status report as well as the scanned copy of the order sheet from the learned Judge, Family Court, Kendrapara regarding the present status of CRP No. 174 of 2019 and the reason it is pending for all these years.

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

Subhalaxmi