



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No. 879 of 2026

Aman Dattani

..... *Petitioner(s)*
Mr. B.K. Ragada, Adv.

-Versus-

State of Odisha

..... *Opposite Party (s)*
Mr. Raj Bhusan Dash, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

23.03.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this CRLMC, the Petitioner has challenged the order dated 16.01.2026 passed by the learned District and Sessions Judge, Jharsuguda in Criminal Misc. Case No.33 of 2025.
3. Heard.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the mobile phone of the Petitioner has been seized and kept in the custody of the police for forensic examination. However, though the said phone has been consumed for about nine months, yet testing result has not yet come.
5. Learned counsel for the State, on instruction, submits that the forensic examination of the mobile phone seized from the present



Petitioner is done in the State Forensic Science Laboratory, Odisha.

6. In this context, this Court directs the Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Odisha to file an affidavit regarding the SOP followed while conducting forensic examination of the seized mobile phone or any electronics gadgets. He/She shall also file an affidavit stating what the standard time is prescribed for the forensic examination of the electronic gadgets like mobile phone, laptop etc.
7. List this matter on 23rd April, 2026.
8. A free copy of this order be issued to the learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State for compliance.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

Murmu