



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.976 of 2026

*Sk. Lokman @ Sk. Muna*

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*Petitioner(s)*

*Mr. Prakash Chandra Dash,  
Advocate*

*-Versus-*

*State of Odisha*

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*Opposite Party (s)*

*Ms. Gayatri Patra, ASC*

**CORAM:**

**DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI**

**ORDER**

**25.03.2026**

**Order No.**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The petitioner has filed this CRLMC assailing the order dated 15.05.2025 passed by the learned C.J.M.-cum-A.S.J., Kendrapara in connection with S.T Case No.05 of 2022, arising out of G.R Case No.1414 of 2021, corresponding to Kendrapara P.S. Case No.95 of 2021 issuing N.B.W(A) against him.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the petitioner was earlier on bail vide order dated 12.01.2022 by the court below. He was regularly attending the court on each date of posting of the case. However, on 15.05.2025, the petitioner could not remain present in



court as his conducting counsel did not take any step for his attendance due to communication gap. Hence, the learned C.J.M.-cum-A.S.J., Kendrapara issued N.B.W (A) against him. He further submits that the Petitioner undertakes that he will cooperate till the end of the trial and appear before the court on each date of posting without fail, failing which, fresh N.B.W (A) shall be issued against him.

5. Learned counsel for the State strongly object the release of the Petitioner on bail.

6. In view of such facts and submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court is inclined to allow the CRLMC. Accordingly, the order dated 15.05.2025 passed by the learned C.J.M.-cum-A.S.J., Kendrapara in the aforesaid case, so far it relates to issuance of N.B.W(A) against the petitioner, is hereby quashed.

7. The Petitioner is directed to surrender before the court in *seisin* over the matter in the aforesaid case and move for bail within a period of fifteen days hence. On such event, the said court shall release him on bail with some stringent conditions so as to enable him to appear before the court on each date of posting of the case. In addition, the Petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) as cost for violating the court's order. The said amount shall be deposited with the Kendrapara Bar Association



Welfare Fund for the purpose of utilizing the said amount for purchasing books for the Bar library. The copy of the receipt of the said deposit shall be presented before the court in *seisin* over the matter.

8. Accordingly, the CRLMC is disposed of.

( *Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi* )  
*Judge*

*Gitanjali*