



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLP No.18 of 2023

Sarat Chandra Pani

Appellant (s)

Mr. Debi Prasad Dhalsamant, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Anr.

Respondent (s)

Mr. Udit Ranjan Jena, AGA

Mr. J.K. Khuntia, Adv.

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

ORDER

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17.04.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Learned counsel for the parties are present. Judgment prepared in separate sheets is delivered and pronounced in open Court in the presence of learned counsel for the parties and the order is passed accordingly as follows:-
3. The Criminal Leave Petition is thus allowed, and the impugned judgment is hereby reversed, restoring the sanctity of the legislative intent underlying the statute and reaffirming that the process of law cannot be thwarted by evasive tactics or trivial irregularities.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)

Judge

B. Jhankar