



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.247 of 2000

***Basanta Kumar Pradhan @
Basu***

Appellant

*-versus- Mr. Soura Ch. Mohapatra,
Senior Advocate*

State of Odisha

..... Respondent

*Mr. S.C. Pradhan,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

Order No.

**ORDER
25.11.2025**

11. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

Mr. Soura Chandra Mohapatra, learned Senior Counsel for the appellant appeared through virtual mode and submitted that five accused persons, namely, Hemanta Kumar Pradhan @ Hemu, Panchanan Pradhan @ Panchu, Basanta Kumar Pradhan @ Basu, Susanta Kumar Mohapatra @ Tukuna and Suryakanta Mohapatra @ Kanhu were charge sheeted in this case under sections 302,109, 120-B/34 of the Indian Penal Code and at the time of filing of charge-sheet, only two of them were taken into judicial custody and they are Hemanta Kumar Pradhan @ Hemu and Panchanan Pradhan @ Panchu and subsequently, Basanta Kumar Pradhan @ Basu, who was also an absconder as per the charge sheet, was also taken into judicial custody and accordingly, Hemanta Kumar Pradhan @ Hemu, Panchanan Pradhan @ Panchu and Basanta Kumar Pradhan @ Basu, faced trial and Hemanta Kumar Pradhan @ Hemu, and Panchanan Pradhan @ Panchu were acquitted of the charges and the appellant Basanta Kumar



Pradhan @ Basu has been convicted under section 302/120-B of I.P.C. and he has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for life. It is not known as to what happened to the absconding accused persons, namely, Susanta Kumar Mohapatra @ Tukuna and Suryakanta Mohapatra @ Kanhu against whom the case has been split up.

Learned counsel for the State shall obtain instruction in that respect.

Since paper book has already been received by both the learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State, list this matter on 2nd December 2025.

Instruction shall be obtained in the meantime.

Free copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State for compliance.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge