



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.1322 of 2026

Santosh Kumar Kunda

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. Akhand,

Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.....

Opposite Party (s)

Mr. Debasish Nayak, AGA

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

29.04.2026

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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 13.02.2026 passed by the learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar in connection with G.R Case No.4002 of 2002, issuing N.B.W(A) against him.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the petitioner was earlier on bail vide order dated 30.11.2005 by the court below. He was regularly attending the court on each date of posting of the case. However, on 13.02.2026, 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 JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar 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 13.02.2026 passed by the learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar 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 Bar Association Welfare Fund, Bhubaneswar 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

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