



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No. 1378 of 2026

Pintu Harijan & Anr.

..... *Petitioner(s)*

Mr. Rajib Lochan Pattanaik, Adv.

-Versus-

State of Odisha

..... *Opposite Party (s)*

Ms. Gayatri Patra, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

04.05.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioners have filed this CRLMC challenging the order dated 05.01.2026 passed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge under POCSO Act, Nabarangpur in T.R. Case No.26 of 2023, issuing N.B.W. against them.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the petitioners were earlier on bail vide order dated 21.07.2023 by the court below. They were regularly attending the court on each date of posting of the case. However, on 05.01.2026, the petitioners could not remain present in court as their conducting counsel did not take any step for their attendance due to communication gap.





Hence, the learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge under POCSO Act, Nabarangpur, issued N.B.W against him. He further submits that the Petitioners undertake that they 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 shall be issued against them.

5. Learned counsel for the State strongly object the release of the Petitioners on bail.
6. In view of such facts and submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioners, this Court is inclined to allow the CRLMC. Accordingly, the order dated 05.01.2026 passed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge under POCSO Act, Nabarangpur in the aforesaid case, so far it relates to issuance of N.B.W against the petitioners, is hereby quashed.
7. The Petitioners are 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 consider the move of the petitioners to release them on bail on its own merit.
8. Accordingly, the CRLMC is disposed of.

(*Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi*)
Judge

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