



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.1496 of 2026

*Rithi Keshan Harijan @
Reeti Harijan*

....

Petitioner(s)

Mr. Ramakanta Pradhan, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party(s)

Mr. Raj Bhusan Dash, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

08.05.2026

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. Since one of the offences is under Section 64(2)(m) of the BNS and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, let an extra copy of the CRLMC application along with all its annexures be served on the learned counsel for the State by 13th May, 2026, who shall send the same to the Inspector in-charge of Bijepur Police Station for its service on the informant in (Bijepur P.S. Case No.15 of 2024) and it will be intimated to the informant that the matter will be taken up on 23rd June, 2026 and if he/she so likes, he/she can engage a counsel to oppose the prayer for bail.
4. It will also be intimated to the informant regarding the availability of counsel from the High Court Legal Aid

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Committee and if he/she agrees for free legal aid, signature/LTI be collected in the Vakalatnama by the IIC and sent to the Advocate General Office so that necessary steps shall be taken in that respect. A written proof regarding service of notice be obtained from the informant.

5. List this matter on 23rd June, 2026.
6. Learned counsel for the State shall obtain 183 BNSS statement of the victim, her medical examination report, instruction regarding service of notice on the informant, case diary as well as instruction regarding criminal antecedents, if any, against the Petitioner in the meantime.
7. A free copy of the order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State for compliance.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge