



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No. 695 of 2026

MD. Azhar

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Petitioner

Mr. S. R. Rout, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Ms. B. K. Sahu, AGA

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

**Order
No.**

**ORDER
27.07.2026**

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant CRLMP is filed by the petitioner for a direction to opposite party Nos.2 and 3 to take necessary action and for a proper investigation to submit the chargesheet before the concerned court or in the alternative, to direct opposite party No.1 to hand over investigation of the case to an independent agency and for such other orders as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.
3. This Court by order dated 29th June, 2026 considering the instructions of opposite party No.3 had directed the State to submit up-to-date case diary which has been received as informed by Ms. Sahu, learned AGA for the State. It was earlier noticed by this Court that the bank officials against whom the allegations have been made are still to be examined. It was also found that no corresponding dates and steps taken during investigation was made known to the Court. In view of



the above, recording the submissions of Mr. Rout, learned counsel for the petitioner and State and the order dated 29th June, 2026 with reference to the written instructions dated 28th June, 2026 of opposite party No.3, this Court is inclined to direct opposite party No.3 in particular to examine all such bank officials connected to the case and to take necessary action and to ensure closure of investigation within a stipulated period since there has been already delay for nearly two years since the FIR was lodged on 13th July, 2024.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the CRLMP stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is directed that opposite party No.3 shall take steps to ensure the completion of the investigation as soon as possible preferably within a period of three months from today necessarily with examination of all the material witnesses including the bank officials against whom the allegations have been made.

6. Urgent copy of this order be issued as per rules.

7. A copy of the order be handed over to Ms. Sahu, learned AGA for the State for its onward intimation to opposite party Nos.2 and 3 for early compliance.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge