



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLA No.711 of 2025

Chanti Suresh

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Appellant

Represented By Adv. -
Shyam Manohar

-versus-

Union Of India

.....

Respondent

Represented By Adv. - Mr.
Karunakar Nayak (Id. Sr.
Panel Counsel for NCB)

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA

ORDER
16.10.2025

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05. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. Heard Mr. Manohar, learned counsel for the Appellant as well
 as Mr. Nayak, learned Senior Panel Counsel for NCB-Union of
 India.
3. In course of hearing a question was raised with regard to
 independence of the P.W.-2.
4. Learned Senior Panel Counsel for the NCB-Union of India,
 referring to the cross-examination of the P.W.-3 at Para-13, stated
 that P.W.-3, i.e., Mr. Saroj Kumar Sethi, S.I. of Police was declared
 as an independent witness before commencement of the search &
 seizure as he was not a part of the NCB team which had conducted
 the Raid.



5. In the aforesaid context, this Court asked Mr. Nayak, learned Senior Panel Counsel for NCB-Union of India to produce an authority to justify such conduct of declaring of a witness as independent witness.

6. On the request of the learned Senior Panel Counsel for NCB-Union of India, list this matter on 24.10.2025.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

S.K. Rout