



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMP No.707 of 2026

Jagannath Panda

.... **Petitioner**
Mr. S.K.Jena, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & others

.... **Opposite Parties**
Ms. B.Sahu, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER
30.07.2026

Order No.
05.

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant CRLMP is filed by the petitioner for a direction to the opposite parties and in particular, opposite party No.3 to conduct a fair investigation and to conclude the same in connection with Laxmisagar P.S. Case. No. 301 of 2019 on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1. A case has been registered in the year 2019 pursuant to the F.I.R. lodged for an offence under Section 420 read with Section 34 IPC.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation has been unduly delayed with arrest of only one accused when the case is of the year 2019. The further submission is that the chargesheet is not yet filed and therefore, a direction is necessary, hence, the CRLMP.
5. Recorded the submission of Ms. Sahu, learned AGA for the State.
6. This Court by order dated 21st July, 2026 had directed the personal appearance of the I.O. and the IIC, Laxmisagar



P.S. who are present today through virtual mode and on being asked IIC, Laxmisagar P.S. inform the Court that one of the accused persons has been apprehended and he is in custody, whereas, efforts are on to cause arrest of the other, who is presently absconding. It is assured to the Court by the IIC, Laxmisagar P.S. that the investigation would be expedited with the arrest of the other accused and in filing of the chargesheet.

7. The NBWA is pending execution against the accused namely, Priyanka Jalan. It is informed to the Court by Ms. Sahu, learned AGA that the above named accused is terminally sick. Nonetheless, as the NBWA is pending execution against the said accused in view of the assurance given by the IIC, Laxmisagar P.S. and also the I.O. present, this Court is inclined to direct speedy investigation and completion of the same at the earliest but within a reasonable time necessarily with the submission of a chargesheet without further delay. Such compliance of the order, as further directed, shall be ensured by the IIC, Laxmisagar P.S. as soon as possible preferably within a period of three months from today.

8. Accordingly, it is ordered.

9. In the result, the CRLMP stands disposed of with the directions as aforesaid.

10. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge