



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPCRL No.74 of 2025

Sadasiba Pradhan

.... **Petitioner**

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. J. Behera, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Others

.... **Opposite Parties**

Represented by Adv.—
Mr. Debasish Tripathy, AGA

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

Order No.

ORDER
24.07.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
 2. The instant writ petition in the nature of *habeas corpus* is taken out by the father of the minor victim girl alleging inaction on the part of the police administration in not rescuing his daughter despite the complaint having lodged in this regard.
 3. On 23.06.2025 when the matter was listed, the report received by the counsel for the State was handed over disclosing the steps having taken by the Investigating Officer. It was revealed therefrom that the details of the minor victim girl was uploaded on the Missing Child Portal and the raid was conducted in various



parts after interrogating several persons including the family members of the opposite party No.5, but the minor victim girl could not be traced out. When the matter was again listed on 08.07.2025, the report was submitted indicating that they have gathered whereabouts of the minor victim girl from reliable source and there is every possibility that the girl would be rescued.

4. In order to permit the Investigating Officers to proceed on the basis of such reliable permission, the matter was directed to be listed today.

5. The counsel for the State submits that the fruitful result is achieved as the minor girl is rescued. The instruction handed over to this Court further reveals that the girl was produced before the CWC, Nayagarh and after taking steps under the provisions of the law, she is integrated to the family on the basis of an order passed by the CWC.

6. Since the statement of the minor victim girl was also recorded, immediately a case is registered under the various provisions of the BNS including the POCSO Act and appropriate steps should be taken thereupon. The purpose of the *habeas corpus* is the production of the person before this Court and since the girl



has already been rescued and integrated into her family in terms of the order of the CWC, it will subserve no purpose to bring the child before this Court. The learned Counsel for the Petitioner also corroborate the facts that the minor girl has been rescued and residing with the parents.

7. In view of the above, the WPCRL is disposed of, no further order is required to pass in this regard.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M. R. Pathak)
Judge

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