



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMC No.2474 of 2025

1) Asutosha Behera **Petitioners**
2) Nrusingha Charan Behera
Represented By Adv. -
Bidyadhar Mansing

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha(vig.) **Opposite Parties**
2) Principal Secretary To Govt.,
Department Of Agriculture And
Farmers' Empowerment
Represented By Adv. –
Mr. N.Maharana,
Standing Counsel

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

ORDER

Order No.

19.08.2025

03. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department.
3. The present application has been filed with a prayer for quashing of the entire criminal proceeding on the ground of delay.
4. The learned counsel for the Petitioners at the outset contended that pursuant to the F.I.R. lodged on 29.09.1999 Cuttack, Vigilance P.S. Case was registered against the Petitioners and other accused-persons. He further submitted that after initially inquiry an F.I.R. was submitted by the I.O. However, the same was not accepted by the learned trial court and the learned trial court has taken cognizance of the offence on the basis of the material available on record vide order



dated 30.10.2013 at Annexure-3 to the application. Thereafter, while the matter was pending for trial the learned trial court, after splitting up the trial, has framed charges against the present Petitioners and some other accused persons vide order dated 22.02.2024 at Annexure-4 to the application. Learned counsel for the Petitioners at this juncture contended that although charge has been framed, however, the trial has not yet progressed substantially despite several directions issued by this Court to expedite the trial and conclude the trial within a specific period of time. The last of such direction was issued by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRLMC No.2566 of 2024 vide order dated 05.03.2025. He further alleged that despite such direction to conclude the trial within three months the trial has also not progressed.

5. In view of the aforesaid position, report be called for from the concerned Court with regard to the progress of trial and the steps be taken to ensure that the trial is concluded in a time bound manner. The report be called for through the Registry and placed before this Court by the next date.

6. List this matter along with CRLMC No.2563 of 2025 in the week commencing 22nd September, 2025.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge