



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.2046 of 2026

*Reenki Harijan @ Rinki
Harijan*

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Petitioner(s)

Ms. Sasmita Nanda, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opposite Party(s)

Mr. Tej Kumar, ASC

Ms. Rehena Khatun, Adv. (for O.P. Nos.2 to 4)

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

Order No.

01.

03.07.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. By filing the present CRLMC, the Petitioner has prayed for quashing of the F.I.R. registered in Kotpad P.S. Case No.114 of 2017, corresponding to G.R. Case No.110 of 2017, pending in the Court of the learned J.M.F.C., Kotpad, along with the entire criminal proceeding arising therefrom against Opposite Party Nos.2 to 4.
3. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State and learned counsel for Opposite Party Nos. 2 to 4.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the present CRLMC arises out of a matrimonial dispute



between the Petitioner and Opposite Party Nos.2 to 4. During pendency of the criminal proceeding, the parties were referred to the Mediation Centre, Koraput at Jeypore, where they amicably resolved all their disputes. In support of such settlement, learned counsel has placed on record the settlement report dated 09.05.2026, annexed as Annexure-3 to the present petition.

5. It is further submitted that the Petitioner (informant) and Opposite Party No.2, being wife and husband, have resumed their matrimonial relationship pursuant to the settlement and are presently residing together under one roof and leading a peaceful conjugal life. In view of the settlement, neither party intends to pursue the criminal proceeding.

6. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submits that the Petitioner has voluntarily approached this Court seeking quashing of the F.I.R. and the consequential criminal proceeding without any coercion, undue influence or pressure, as the disputes have been amicably settled before the Mediation Centre, Nabarangpur. Hence, she prayed that the F.I.R. and the entire criminal proceeding initiated against Opposite Party Nos.2 to 4 be quashed in exercise of the inherent jurisdiction of this Court under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.



7. Learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State submits that in view of the compromise arrived at between the parties and considering the nature of the dispute, the State has no serious objection if the criminal proceeding is quashed.

8. Considering the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the settlement report dated 09.05.2026, it appears that the dispute between the parties is purely matrimonial in nature and has been amicably resolved through mediation. The parties have resumed cohabitation and are presently living together as husband and wife. Continuation of the criminal proceeding, in such circumstances, would serve no useful purpose and is likely to disturb the restored matrimonial harmony.

9. In the facts of the present case, the dispute being matrimonial in nature, the settlement having been voluntarily arrived at before the Mediation Centre and the parties having resumed their matrimonial life, this Court is satisfied that continuation of the criminal proceeding would be an abuse of the process of law and that quashing of the proceeding would secure the ends of justice.

10. Accordingly, the CRLMC stands allowed.

11. The F.I.R. registered in Kotpad P.S. Case No.114 of 2017, corresponding to G.R. Case No.110 of 2017, pending



before the learned J.M.F.C., Kotpad along with all consequential criminal proceedings arising therefrom against Opposite Party Nos.2 to 4 is hereby quashed.

12. Pending application (s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

13. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge