



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.604 of 2019

Nila @ Nilamani Das @ Malik ***Appellant***
Represented By Adv.
-Mr. Sk. Zafarulla, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha ***Respondent***
Represented By Adv.
-Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, ASC.

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER
13.02.2026

Order No.

- 05.** 1. This Criminal Appeal has been filed by the convicted accused against the judgment and order of conviction dated 21.06.2019 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Bhadrak in Special Case No.19 of 2016 by which the Appellant has been convicted under Section-4 of the POCSO Act sentencing him with life imprisonment and fine of Rs.1,00,000/- in default R.I. for six months. No separate sentence is given for the offence under Section-376(2)(i) of IPC in view of Section 42 of the POCSO Act.
2. Heard Mr. Zafarulla, learned counsel appearing for the convict-Appellant and Ms. Devi, learned Additional Stand Counsel for the State-Respondent.
3. Issue notice to the Informant.



4. Learned counsel for the Appellant is directed to serve three extra copies of the petition upon the learned Counsel for the Respondent-State within five working days for its service upon the Informant- mother of the victim in her name and address as would be so supplied with the copy of the application.
5. On receipt of the same, learned counsel for the State would do well to send the same to the IIC, Tihidi Police Station, for its due service with necessary information that the matter is likely to be listed on 25.03.2026; when she can raise her objection in the appeal preferred by the Appellant and further for the purpose if she requires the assistance of a legal Counsel of her choice, she may approach the nearest Taluk Legal Services Committee/ District Legal Service Authority to avail that facility/s.
6. Learned Counsel for the State is directed to obtain the custody certificate, conduct and criminal antecedents of the Appellant by the next date of listing.
7. List on 25.03.2026 for orders.

***(Manash Ranjan Pathak),
Judge***

***(Sibo Sankar Mishra),
Judge***

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