



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPCRL No.84 of 2025

Ananta Kumar Mandal

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Pramod Kumar Jena, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.—

Mr. Debashis Tripathy, Addl. Govt. Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

11.08.2025

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- 04.** 1. The writ petition in the nature of *habeas corpus* has been filed by the father of a minor victim girl alleging that she has been kidnapped by opposite party No.4 and despite the complaint having lodged with the concerned police station, no action was taken thereupon. The said writ petition was entertained by this Court and a direction was passed upon the police authorities to take appropriate steps.
2. On 5th August 2025, it was informed to the Court by the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-opposite parties that the girl had been rescued and was produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Balasore on 20th July, 2025. The report filed on the said date further revealed that despite the order of the CWC to integrate the minor victim girl with her parents, the petitioner and his wife refused to take her home because



of the unprecedented and unconventional behaviour, which we perceived on the last occasion and the order was passed for physical presence of the petitioner and his wife.

3. Pursuant to the said order, the petitioner and his wife are physically present today. The petitioner says that he would take the minor girl to his house from the CWC, Balasore. Since the better advice has been extended to the petitioner and good sense has prevailed upon him to take back his daughter, we do not feel that any purpose would be subserved in keeping the instant writ petition pending.

4. The instant writ petition is thus dismissed. However, it is open to the petitioner to approach the CWC, Balasore for taking the custody of the minor girl.

5. The CWC, Balasore will take an independent decision once such approach is made without being influenced by the fact that the writ petition filed by the petitioner is dismissed by this Court.

6. The personal appearance of the petitioner and his wife, namely Ananta Kumar Mandal and Bhanumati Mandal respectively, is dispensed with.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

S.K. Behera

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