



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.2116 of 2026

*Santosh Kumar
Pattanayak*

....

Petitioner(s)

*Mr. DEvashis Panda, Adv.
Mr. Sudipto Panda, Adv.*

versus-

State of Odisha (Vig.)

....

Opposite Party(s)

*Mr. Niranjana Moharana, SC
for the Department of Vigilance*

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

08.07.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing the present CRLMC, the Petitioner has prayed for quashing the entire Criminal Proceeding initiated against him vide T.R. Case No.03 of 2023 arising out of Cuttack (Vig.) P.S. Case No.21 of 2019 pending before the Court of learned Special Judge (Vig.), Bhubaneswar including the order of cognizance passed therein vide Annexure-2.
3. Heard.
4. Issue Notice.
5. Learned counsel for the State / Vigilance Department waives of notice on behalf of the sole Opposite Party. Let an extra copy of the brief be served on him within three



working days hence. He is directed to file reply within two weeks from the date of receipt of the brief.

6. List this matter on 28th July, 2026.

I.A. No.1603 of 2026

7. Heard.
8. Considering the submission made on behalf of the Petitioner and looking to the averments made in this I.A, though this Court is not inclined to exempt the Petitioner from appearing before the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter, permits the Petitioner to file an appropriate application for the said purpose before the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter, which shall be considered and disposed of on its own merit.
9. This I.A is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge