



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMC No.2936 of 2025

Minaketan Das

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Subir Palit, Senior
Advocate along with Mr.
Abhishek Dash

-versus-

Directorate of Vigilance, Odisha

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Opposite Party

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. N. Moharana,
Standing Counsel for the
Vigilance Department

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

ORDER
11.08.2025

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. A Memorandum in favour of Mr. Subir Palit, learned Senior Advocate is filed by the learned counsel for the Petitioner to plead for the Petitioner, which be kept on record. The name of Mr. Subir Palit, Senior Advocate, be reflected in the cause list henceforth.
3. Heard Mr. Subir Palit, learned Senior Counsel, along with Mr. Abhishek Dash, learned counsel, appearing for the Petitioner as well as Mr. N. Moharana, learned Standing Counsel



appearing for the Vigilance Department.

4. In course of his argument, Mr. Subir Palit, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner raised point of law that the Prevention of Corruption Act was amended in the year 2018 and the amended provision, which has come to the statute book by substituting the earlier provision, be applicable to the Petitioner in the present case. Since the amended provisions are beneficial then old provisions, the Petitioner can take advantage of such provision.

5. Mr. Moharana, learned counsel appearing for the Vigilance Department, on the other hand, contended that the present case arises out of an F.I.R., which was registered in the year 2008. Therefore, the law which was enforced at the relevant point of time will be applicable in the case of the Petitioner. He further submitted that the aforesaid point has already been decided.

6. Considering the aforesaid submission, this Court directs that matter be listed in the week commencing 8th September, 2025.

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7. Heard learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Vigilance Department.

8. As an interim measure, it is directed that on an application being filed by the Petitioner before the court in seisin over the



matter seeking adjournment of the case, the court in seisin over the matter shall do well to adjourn the case for a period of four weeks.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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