



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMC No.2664 of 2025

Ranjan Kumar Sahoo

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. -
Sandeep Raj Panda

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) Madhusmita Sahoo

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. C.M.Singh, A.S.C.

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

ORDER
13.08.2025

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State. Perused the application as well as the prayer made therein.
3. By filing the present application under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. corresponding to 528 of the B.N.S.S. the petitioner seeks to invoke the inherent jurisdiction of this Court to quash order taking cognizance dated 05.01.2022 and further to quash the entire criminal proceeding in C.T. Case No.2511 of 2021 which corresponds to Bari Ramachandrapur P.S. Case No.266 of 2021 pending in the file of learned Civil Judge, (Jr. Division)-cum-J.M.F.C.,Baripal.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset contended that on the basis of an allegation made by the informant, Bari



Ramachandrapur P.S. Case No.266 of 2021 was registered for alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 498(A)/294/323/506/406 of I.P.C. read with Section 4 of D.P. Act. He further submitted that although the case was registered in the year 2021 however no progress has been made in the meantime although almost five years have lapsed. Learned counsel for the petitioner at this juncture contended that taking into consideration the nature of the dispute involved in the present application the same can very well be resolved through the mechanism of mediation and on the basis of the outcome of such mediation the entire criminal proceeding can be quashed.

5. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand objected to the prayer made by the petitioner in the present application. He further submitted that in the event the petitioner wants to settle the matter then he can very well make such an application before the learned trial court and basing upon such prayer, the matter can be very well sent to the District Mediation Centre to facilitate the parties to arrive at a compromise in the event. On such ground, learned counsel for the State contended that present application is devoid of merit and accordingly the same should be dismissed.

6. Having heard the learned counsels for the parties, on careful examination of the background facts as well as the prayer made in the present application, this Court is of the view that the prayer made by the petitioner at this stage is unsustainable in law. However taking into consideration the fact that the case is of the year 2021, the present application is being disposed of by directing the learned trial court to expedite the trial and conclude the same as expeditiously as possible. It is further observed that in the event the Petitioner and the



Respondent No.2 appear before the learned trial court and to make the prayer for settlement of the dispute through mediation, then the learned trial court shall do well to refer the matter to the District Mediation Centre for an amicable resolution of the dispute with the help of a trained and experienced mediator.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the CRLMC stands disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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