



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.3076 of 2025

Akash Sahoo @

Radharaman Sahoo & Anr.

Petitioner(s)

*Mr. B.K. Rath, S.K. Mohapatra,
S. Bal, Adv.*

-versus-

State of Odisha & Anr.

Opposite Party(s)

Mr. U.R. Jena, AGA (for O.P. No.1)

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

03.

ORDER

26.02.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submits that Petitioner No.1 (husband) and Petitioner No.2 (wife) were majors at the time of occurrence and both the Petitioners were in a consensual relationship and had left their respective houses of their own volition. It is further stated that they executed a marital agreement before the Notary Public, Pune, Maharashtra disclosing that they have married.
3. In support of the aforesaid submission, learned counsel for the Petitioners has filed a joint affidavit of Petitioner No.1 and Petitioner No.2, which is placed at "Flag-A", wherein they have affirmed the factum of marriage. In view



of such, learned counsel for the Petitioners seeks quashing of the criminal proceeding initiated against the Petitioners.

4. It appears from the record that by order dated 2nd December, 2025, this Court had directed learned counsel for the State to serve notice on Opposite Party No.2 through the concerned local police station. However, the said direction has not yet been complied with.

5. Be that as it may, let learned counsel for the Petitioners serve a fresh copy of the CRLMC application once again on the learned counsel for the State. Upon receipt of the same, the learned counsel for the State shall ensure that the notice is duly served on Opposite Party No.2 through the jurisdictional local police station before the next date.

6. The Petitioners are directed to appear before the Investigating Officer/concerned Police Station within a period of two weeks from today for the purpose of verification of the factum and genuineness of the amicable settlement entered into between them. Upon such appearance and verification, the I.O. shall submit a report before this Court indicating whether there is any objection to the settlement and shall specifically state whether the settlement appears to be voluntarily, without coercion or undue influence.



7. Let the I.I.C. of the concerned police station ensure the presence of the Opposite Party No.2 through virtual mode/in person on the date fixed.
8. The Petitioner No.1 shall file an undertaking before the concerned police station regarding safety, dignity, and well-being of Petitioner No.2 and shall not subject her to any form of physical or mental cruelty, harassment, or coercion of Petitioner No.2.
9. List this matter on 23rd March, 2026.
10. As an interim measure, it is directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioners till the next date of listing of this matter.
11. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.
12. A free copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State for compliance.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge