



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.1003 of 2025

CNR No. ODHC010591422025

Saroj @ Santosh Kumar* *Appellant(s)
Digal @ Babu

Mr. Sidhartha Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Respondent(s)

Mr. Jateswar Nayak, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

18.08.2026

Order No.

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1. Pursuant to the order dated 08.05.2026, notice upon the informant/victim has already been served. The informant has requested this Court for appointment of a counsel on her behalf through the Legal Aid Services and has also furnished a blank Vakalatnama. Accordingly, this Court appoints Mr. Manoranjan Padhi, learned counsel, who is present in Court, as Amicus Curiae to assist the Court on behalf of the informant/victim.

2. The Registry is directed to supply a copy of the memorandum of appeal along with the TCR to Mr. Padhi, learned Amicus Curiae.

3. On 27.01.2026, learned counsel for the State was directed to obtain instructions regarding the health condition of the appellant from the Superintendent of District Jail, Phulbani. However, learned counsel for



the State submits that he has not yet received any instructions from the concerned authority. He, therefore, seeks one week's time to obtain the instructions.

4. List this matter on 02.09.2026 indicating the name of Mr. Manoranjan Padhi, learned Amicus Curiae appearing on behalf of the informant/victim.

5. In the meantime, learned Amicus Curiae shall file the Vakalatnama.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Swarna