



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMC No. 2679 of 2016

Prasanta Kumar Panigrahi **Petitioner**
Mr. S.K. Nanda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance) **Opposite Party**
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das,
Standing Counsel (Vigilance)

CRLMC No. 2675 of 2016

Prasanta Kumar Panigrahi **Petitioner**
Mr. S.K. Nanda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance) **Opposite Party**
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CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER
11.03.2026

Order No.
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(Through hybrid mode)

1. Heard Mr. S. K. Nanda, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. N. Maharana, learned Additional Standing Counsel, Vigilance.
2. Mr. Nanda, learned counsel for the petitioner relies on the decisions in the case of *State of Punjab vs. Labh Singh*; (2014) 16 SCC 807 (paragraph-8) and the case of *Tarini Charan Sahu vs. State of Odisha, Vigilance*; 2018(II) OLR 843 in support of his submissions that the prosecution against the petitioner is liable to be quashed as sanction under Section 197 of the Cr.P.C. has not been obtained.



3. Mr. Maharana, learned Additional Standing Counsel for Vigilance has relied on the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of ***CBI vs. B. A. Srinivasan and another; 2020 (II) SCC 153***.

4. Mr. Nanda, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for a short adjournment in order to go through the decision in ***B. A. Srinivasan*** (supra) stating that this decision has not been mentioned in the memo of citations filed by the counsel for the Vigilance in June, 2025.

5. Considering the submission, list this matter on 16.03.2026 indicating the matter to be part heard.

6. Copies of any other decisions on which the learned counsel rely shall be filed on or before the next date.

(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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