



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.4116 of 2025

Loknath Mohanty

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Petitioner (s)

M/s. Bharati Dash,

S.R. Samal, P.K. Samantara, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Anr.

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Opposite Party (s)

Miss Gayatri Patra, ASC

for O.P.1

M/s. Rajeet Roy, S.K. Singh,

N. Hota, S. Sourav, T.P Tripathy,

A. Mohanty, S.S. Nayak

for O.P.2

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

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ORDER

15.05.2026

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Learned counsel for the parties are present. Judgment prepared in separate sheets is delivered and pronounced in open Court in the presence of learned counsel for the parties and the order is passed accordingly as follows:-
3. Viewed from the aforesaid perspective, continuation of the freezing order in its present form cannot be sustained in law. In absence of any material demonstrating direct transfer of alleged extortion money into the disputed account, or any identifiable correlation between the deposits and the offence alleged, indefinite freezing of the entire bank account amounts



to disproportionate and excessive exercise of statutory power. The impugned orders, therefore, suffer from manifest legal infirmity and failure to apply the settled principles governing exercise of power under Section 102 Cr.P.C., thereby warranting interference in exercise of inherent jurisdiction of this Court.

4. Accordingly the CRLMC is **allowed**.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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