



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No. 4401 of 2025

Jagamohan Khuntia & Ors.

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Petitioner (s)

Mr. Durga Prasad Pradhan, Adv.

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Anr.

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Opposite Party (s)

Mr. Debasish Nayak, AGA

Mr. Kumar Parija, Adv. O.P.2

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

06.07.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
3. The Petitioners have filed this CRLMC with a prayer to quash the criminal proceeding initiated against them in Ranapur P.S. Case No.132 of 2021, corresponding to G.R. Case No.214 of 2021, pending before the learned Addl. Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)-cum-J.M.F.C., Ranapur.
4. Learned counsel for both the parties submits that in the meantime, the matter has amicably been settled between the parties. In this regard, a joint affidavit dated 18.05.2026 has been filed by both the parties.



5. The relevant portion of the joint affidavit filed by both the parties is extracted hereunder:

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“6. That, in order to give respect to said mutual settlement between us, the petitioner No.1 (Husband) on dated 02.07.2025 has withdrawn C.P. No.381/2021 U/s. 9 of Hindu Marriage Act which was filed against Opp. Party No.2 before the judge Family Court, Cuttack and similarly the Opp. Party No.2 has withdrawn CrI. M.P Vide No.94/2023 on dated 09.07.2025 which was filed U/s. 125 of Cr. P.C against the petitioner No1 in the court of the Judge, Family Court, Nayagarh.

7. That, as the matter has been settled mutually between us out of the court as such, the Opp. Party No.2 (Wife) does not want to proceed further in the said criminal proceeding i.e., G.R Case No. 214/2021 arising out of Ranapur P.S Case No. 132/2021 pending in the court of the Learned J.M.F.C, Ranapur.

8. That, the Opp. Party No. 2 (Deponent No.6) has no objection if the above CRLMC is allowed by this Hon'ble Court by quashing of the said criminal proceeding in G.R Case No. 214/2021 pending in the court of the Learned J.M.F.C, Ranapur.”

4. Considering the contents of the joint affidavit filed by both the parties and following the ratio laid down by the Supreme Court in *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab and another*¹, and two other reported cases of this Court in *Lokanath @ Anadi Sethi and four others v. State of Orissa and four others*², and *Sansuri alias Khageswar Lenka and another –vrs.- State of Orissa and Another*³, wherein this Court is of the opinion that no useful

¹ (2012) 10 SCC 303

² 2014 (II) OLR 29

³ 2014 (II) OLR 452



purpose will be served in allowing such proceedings to continue the criminal proceeding in the aforesaid case as it will only lead to abuse the process of law.

5. In view of the aforesaid discussion and considerations, the application is allowed. Accordingly, the criminal proceeding initiated against the Petitioners in G.R. Case No.214 of 2021 arising out of Ranapur P.S. Case No.132 of 2021, pending in the court of learned Addl. Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)-cum-J.M.F.C., Ranapur is hereby quashed.
6. Accordingly, the CRLMC is disposed of.

(*Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi*)
Judge

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