



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

JCRLA No. 183 of 2025

Jatia Hembram

.....

Appellant

-versus-

State of Orissa

.....

Respondent

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, ASC

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.S. MISHRA**

Order No.

ORDER

24.11.2025

01. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

This JCRLA has been filed by the appellant-Jatia Hembram in which imprisonment for life has been awarded to him for the offence under section 302 of I.P.C. by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Baripada in S.T. Case No. 5/26 of 2011-10 vide judgment and order dated 30.01.2013.

The Stamp Reporter has reported that there is a delay of 4565 days in filing the JCRLA.

Let the Registry verify whether any regular appeal/JCRLA has been filed earlier by the appellant Jatia Hembram challenging the impugned judgment.

Let a report be called for from the learned District & Sessions Judge, Baripada, Mayurbhanj as to why the impugned judgment was not challenged before this Court earlier by filing CRLA/JCRLA since regular inspections are being made to the jail not only by the learned District Judge but also by the officers attached to District Legal Services Authority.

After perusal of the impugned judgment and the



inordinate delay pointed out by the Stamp Reporter, we felt it appropriate to ascertain the correct state of affairs from the appellant as well as the Jail Superintendent so also from the Secretary, DLSA, Mayurbhanj, Baripada as to why there was such delay in filing the JCRLA.

During interaction, the appellant stated that earlier he had entrusted someone to file an appeal privately. However, Mr. Manoranjan Pratihari, the Jail Superintendent, Circle Jail, Baripada, submitted that the appellant could not give the number of that criminal appeal and its status, for which this jail criminal appeal has been preferred.

The Secretary, DLSA, Mayurbhanj, Baripada also appeared through virtual mode and she submitted that since it could not be found out as to whether the appellant had preferred any criminal appeal or jail criminal appeal earlier, therefore the jail criminal appeal has been sent to the High Court.

In view of such statements made, let the Secretary, DLSA, Mayurbhanj, Baripada verify from the records as to whether the trial court record of the case either in original or in digital form has been called for by this Court in connection with any criminal appeal or jail criminal appeal. She shall send a report on this aspect to the Registrar (Judicial), which shall be placed before us.

The Jail Superintendent, Circle Jail, Baripada submitted that the contact number of the counsel to whom the appellant had earlier entrusted the appeal for filing is to be ascertained and he will also contact with the concerned counsel to ascertain about the status of the criminal appeal, if any filed.



Put up this matter on 26th November, 2025 and the matter will be taken up at 2.00 P.M. On that day, the Secretary, DLSA, Mayurbhanj, Baripada shall appear through virtual mode. The appellant's presence shall be ensured through virtual mode by the concerned Jail Superintendent.

Free copy of this order shall be handed over to the learned counsel for the State and copy of the order be communicated by the Registrar (Judicial) to the Secretary, DLSA so also to the learned District Judge, Baripada, Mayurbhanj through e-mail.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Ashok/Swarna