



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

JCRLA No.183 of 2025

Jatia Hembram

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Appellant(s)

Represented by Adv.-
Mr. Gautam Misra, Senior Advocate
(Amicus Curiae)

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Respondent(s)

Represented by Adv.
Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

20.03.2026

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

- 05.**
- 1.** Heard Mr. Goutam Misra, learned Amicus Curiae appearing for the appellant and Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
 - 2.** Pursuant to the order dated 16.03.2026, learned counsel for the State has placed a report dated 19.03.2026 received from the Senior Superintendent, Circle Jail, Baripada. As per the report, the jail conduct of the appellant is normal and good, there is no adverse report against him. It is further stated that the appellant has already undergone seventeen years three months twenty-one days as on 19.03.2026. It is further apprised to this Court that a proposal for his premature release has been submitted to the Prisons Directorate vide Letter No. 325/WS dated 10.03.2026.



3. Mr. Misra, learned *Amicus Curiae* appearing for the appellant, submits that in view of the long period of custody already undergone by the appellant, the proposal for premature release submitted by the jail authorities may be directed to be expedited by the Board.

4. Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State, submits that the said proposal for premature release is yet to be placed before the Board for consideration, and that a direction may be issued for its consideration in the next meeting of the Board.

5. Taking into consideration the submission made by both the parties, we are of the opinion that the proposal submitted to the Prisons Directorate regarding the premature release of the present convict be placed for consideration in the next meeting of the Board, if not already placed.

6. List this matter on 20th April, 2026.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge