



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMC No.5552 of 2025

1) Praveen Kumar Sharma 2) Sri Mange Ram Sharma 3) Smt. Kamala Devi Sharma 4) Anita Sharma		Petitioners Represented by Adv. – M/s. Suresh Kumar Choudhury, P.K. Panda, B. Pattnaik
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-versus-

1) State of Odisha 2) Sonali Sharma		Opposite Parties Represented by Adv. – Smt. Sasmita Nayak, ASC
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CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
05.01.2026

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the names of Petitioners No.2, 3 and 4 have been struck off from the F.I.R. in course of investigation.
3. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioners does not want to press this CRLMC application in respect of Petitioners No.2, 3 and 4 and it is only confined to Petitioner No.1.
4. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner No.1. Perused the application as well as the prayer made therein.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner No.1, at the outset, contended that the allegation made in the F.I.R. arises out of a matrimonial dispute. She further contended that in the meantime the



Petitioner No.1-husband and Opposite Party No.2-wife have mutually separated in Civil Proceeding No.163 of 2025 where they have been granted a mutual decree of divorce. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner No.1 further submitted that further continuance of the present criminal proceeding would be an abuse of process of law.

6. Considering such submission, this Court is inclined to issue notice to the Opposite Parties.

7. Since Smt. Sasmita Nayak, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of Opposite Party No.1, an extra copy of the CRLMC application be served on her within three working days hence.

8. Requisites for issuance of notice to the Opposite Party No.2 by Speed Post with A.D. be filed within three working days hence.

9. List this matter in the week commencing 9th February, 2026.

10. As an interim measure, it is directed that on an application being filed by the Petitioner No.1 before the court in seisin over the matter seeking adjournment of the case, the court in seisin over the matter shall do well to adjourn the case for a period of four weeks.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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