



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WPCRL No.163 of 2025

Saraswati Brahma

....

Petitioner

Mr.Sangram Keshari Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others

....

Opposite Parties

Ms. Biswabara Dash,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

ORDER

23.03.2026

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1. After several orders having been passed in the instant writ petition in the nature of *habeas corpus* filed for production of the minor girl who is allegedly kidnapped by the opposite party no.4, the girl has been rescued. It is undisputed that the girl subsequently came home and the parents reported such incident to the concerned police officials. Though the petitioner says that on concerted efforts made by the villagers and the other relatives, friends, the girl was rescued from the custody of the opposite party no.4, but it does not appear from the record that such fact is either sought to be incorporated or convincing materials are produced thereupon.
 2. We do not want to enter into such dissent as our concern was restricted to the welfare of the minor child and her wrongful and illegal custody. Since the girl has returned home and according to



the learned Additional Standing Counsel, her statement shall be recorded today.

3. At this juncture, the counsel for the petitioner says that the officials are protecting the opposite party no.4 and attempting to hush up the entire issue. Since the statement of the girl has to be recorded which, in fact, shall be recorded today, the authority shall proceed to take further steps on the basis of the statement made by the said minor victim girl and no reluctance and/or complacency shall be shown in the event any criminal offence has been committed by any person, as the protection, safety and security of the minor is a primary object. The authority shall take note of the same and shall make all efforts to extend the justice to such minor in the event the same appears to have been infringed.

4. Accordingly, the writ petition is dropped.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

Aswini