



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.14164 of 2025

Nikunja Bihari Samantaray **Petitioner**
Mr. D. Nayak, Senior Advocate

-Versus-

Union of India (Enforcement Directorate) **Opposite Party**

Mr. S. K. Dwibedi, CGC Union of India

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

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1. Recoded the submission of learned counsel for the respective parties. According to Mr. Nayak, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioner, it is submitted that the present accused has extended co-operation to the ED in the enquiry in response to the summons received referring to Annexure-1. It is also submitted that the petitioner did appear for the enquiry and his statement has been recorded. In so far as the transfer of an amount of Rs. 5 crore is concerned, the further submission is that it was received in connection with a transaction of sale of a piece of land and agreement in that regard, which was subsequently cancelled. On the other hand, learned counsel for the ED submits that there has been no such transaction and part of the crime proceed was in fact transferred to the account of the petitioner. To consider and appreciate the submission as above, learned counsel for the ED is directed to file an affidavit, in reply to the plea of the petitioner regarding the alleged transaction for which the amount was received and



transferred to his account, serving a copy of the same on the other side in advance.

2. List on 10th February, 2026 for final orders. The interim order shall remain in force with a direction for the petitioner to continue appearing before the ED for the purpose of inquiry as and when summoned.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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