



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.5614 of 2025

Indira Subudhi *Petitioner(s)*
Mr. Manas Kumar Chand, Adv.

-versus-

State of Orissa *Opposite Party(s)*
(Vigilance)
Mr. Niranjana Moharana, SC
for the Department of Vigilance

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order
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04. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this CRLMC, the Petitioner being an octogenarian and also the mother of the accused who has been booked based on the allegation of possession of disproportionate assets, has challenged the impugned order dated 27.10.2025 passed in Criminal Misc. Case No.173 of 2023 arising out of V.G.R No.52 of 2019, Cuttack Vigilance Cell P.S. Case No.17 of 2019 vide Annexure-1.

Apart from the above, the Petitioner has also sought for a direction from this Court for releasing the cash of Rs.2,12,940/- (Rupees Two lakh twelve thousand nine hundred forty only) which is seized from her almirah in connection with the above noted case, in her favour.

3. Heard.



4. Challenging the impugned order dated 27.10.2025 passed in the above noted Criminal Misc. Case, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the cash of Rs.2,12,940/- seized from the almirah of the Petitioner does not belong to the accused rather the said amount was the savings of the Petitioner. He further contends that after seizure of the said amount the Petitioner being an octogenarian is suffering immensely to maintain her day-to-day expenditure. He, accordingly, prays for allowing the prayer made in this CRLMC.

5. In his opposition, learned counsel for the Opposite Party/Vigilance Department submits that the investigation is going on and the seized amount is the subject matter of disproportionate assets of the accused person. He further contends that the Petitioner was also failed to explain the source of procurement of the seized cash of Rs.2,12,940/- at the time of seizure. He, accordingly, prays for dismissal of this CRLMC.

6. Considering the submissions made on behalf of both the parties and looking to the age of the Petitioner, this Court while setting aside the impugned order dated 27.10.2025 passed in the above noted Criminal Misc. Case pertaining to the present Petitioner only, directs that the cash of Rs.2,12,940/- (Rupees Two lakh twelve thousand nine hundred forty only) seized from the almirah of the



Petitioner in connection with the Cuttack Vigilance Cell P.S. Case No.17 of 2019, shall be released in favour of the Petitioner in proper zimanama within a period of ten working days from the date of presentation of an authenticated copy of this order with a condition that after completion of the trial, if the accused is held to be the owner of the said amount of Rs.2,12,940/- (Rupees two lakh twelve thousand nine hundred forty only), the Petitioner shall deposit the said amount as per the order of the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter without fail.

7. This CRLMC is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge