



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No. 1464 of 2025

Smt. Manasi Sahoo

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Appellant

Mr. S.S. Rao, Senior Advocate
assisted by Ms. J. Sarkar, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance)

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Respondent

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das, SC (Vigl.)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

18.03.2026

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(Through hybrid mode)

I.A. No. 3531 of 2025

1. This I.A. has been filed for stay of conviction.
2. By order dated 24.12.2025, Court had granted interim stay of conviction. Relevant portion of the order is extracted below:-

“9. As an interim measure, it is directed that the judgment dated 16.12.2025 passed by the learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Sudargarh in CTR Case No.3 of 2020 shall remain stayed till the next date of listing of this matter.”

3. Objection to the I.A. has been filed by the learned Standing Counsel (Vigilance).
4. Heard Mr. S.S. Rao, learned Senior Advocate appearing on behalf of the Appellant and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das, learned Standing Counsel for Vigilance Department.



5. Perused the averments in I.A. No. 3531 of 2025 and I.A. No. 798 of 2026 filed by the Petitioner and the objection filed by the learned Standing Counsel (Vigilance).

6. Mr. S.S. Rao, learned Senior Advocate in support of his submission that it is a fit case for stay of conviction, relies on the following decisions:

- (i) ***Rama Narang vrs. Ramesh Narang and Others:***
(1995) 2 SCC 513
- (ii) ***Rabikant S. Patil vrs. Sarvabhuma S. Bagali:***
(2007) 1 SCC 673
- (iii) ***Dr. Shailendra Kumar Tamotia vrs. Republic of India:***
2010 Cri LJ 196
- (iv) ***Harihar Mishra vrs. Republic of India: 2010 SCC OnLine***
Ori 537: 2011 Cri LJ 2360
- (v) ***State of Maharashtra through CBI Anti Corruption***
Branch, Mumbai vrs. Balakrishna Dattatrya Kumbhar:
(2012) 12 SCC 384
- (vi) ***Mohammed Moquim vrs. State of Odisha (Vigilance):***
2022 (II) OLR 906
- (vii) ***Neeraj Dutta vrs. State (Government of NCT of Delhi):***
(2023) 4 SCC 731

7. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das, learned Standing Counsel for Vigilance Department relies on the following decisions in support of his submissions that the Appellant is not entitled for stay of her conviction:



- i. ***State of Tamil Nadu vrs. Jaganathan : AIR 1996 SC 2449***
- ii. ***K.C. Sareen vrs. CBI, Chandigarh: AIR 2001 SC 3320***
- iii. ***State of Maharashtra vrs. Gajanan and Another: AIR 2004 SC 1188***
- iv. ***State of Maharashtra vrs. Salman Salim Khan and Another: AIR 2004 SC 1189***
- v. ***Dr. Arijit Pasayat and H.S. Bedi: AIR 2009 SC 755***
- vi. ***Central Bureau of Investigation, New Delhi vrs. M.N. Sharma: AIR 2009 SC 1185***
- vii. ***State of Maharashtra through CBI, Anti Corruption Branch, Mumbai: Criminal Appeal No. 1648 of 2012 decided on 15.10.2012***
- viii. ***Pruthwiraj Lenka vrs. State of Odisha (Vig): (2022) 85 OCR 667***
- ix. ***Pradeep Santi vrs. State of Odisha (Vigl.): (2022) 86 OCR 310***
- x. ***Anil Chaudhary vrs. The State of Bihar : Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 87 of 2022***
- xi. ***Omprakash Sahni vrs. Jai Shankar Chaudhary & Anr. E tc.: (2023) 91 OCR (SC) 64***

8. Learned counsel for the Appellant has filed objection in I.A. No. 783 of 2026 to the petition of the Opposite Party for vacation of stay. The same is taken on record. It shall be scanned and incorporated in the digital record.

9. **Hearing is concluded.**

10. **Order is reserved.**



11. List after four weeks for delivery of order.

12. Interim order dated 24.12.2025 passed in I.A. No. 3531 of 2025 shall continue till the next date.

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(Savitri Ratho)
Judge

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