



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.2708 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010592572026

Rabindra Pradhan @

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Petitioners

Rabindra Kumar Pradhan &

Ors.

Represented by Adv.

- Suryakanta Dwibedi

-versus-

State Of Odisha

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Opp. Party

Represented by Adv. –

D.K. Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR

MOHAPATRA

ORDER

17.08.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.
2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners and learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.
3. The Petitioners are aggrieved by the order dated 05.09.2022 on which date the non-bailable warrant of arrest has been issued against them by the learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur in G.R Case No.96 of 2004. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submitted that initially the Petitioner Nos.1 & 2 were released on bail on 30.08.2004 and the Petitioner No.3 was released on bail on 16.03.2006 and the Petitioner No.4 was released on bail on 16.12.2004 and the Petitioner No.5 was released on bail on 18.06.2004, after which the Petitioners were appearing before the learned Court in seisin over the matter after they were released on bail. However, on one of the



dates fixed for appearance, due to communication gap with their lawyer, the Petitioners were unable to appear since no step was taken to represent the petitioners by the counsel appearing for them. Thereafter, a non-bailable warrant of arrest was issued against the Petitioners. It was further contended that for the laches on the part of the counsel, the party should not be allowed to suffer. Therefore, being aggrieved by such order the Petitioners have approached this Court with a prayer to quash order dated 05.09.2022.

4. On perusal of the record, this Court is of the view that the trial court has not committed any illegality, however, in the larger interests of justice and in order to provide another opportunity to the Petitioners, this Court deems it proper to set aside the order dated 05.09.2022 by the learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur in G.R Case No.96 of 2004, subject to payment of a cost of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) by each of the Petitioners to the Advocates' Welfare Fund of Local Bar Association within fifteen days and furnishing money receipt thereof in proof of deposit. Further, it is directed that the Petitioners shall appear before the learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur within two weeks from today along with a copy of today's order and shall continue to participate in the proceeding without any further default. In the event, the Petitioners make any further default in appearance, it is open to the Court in seisin over the matter to take necessary coercive steps against the Petitioners.

5. In such view of the matter, the CRLMC is allowed.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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