

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No.183 of 2022

Loknath Barik

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Pattanaik, Advocate.

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors.

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Opp. Parties

Sk. Zafarulla,
Additional Standing Counsel.

CORAM:

JUSTICE BISWAJIT MOHANTY

ORDER

14.02.2022

Order No.

1. 1. This matter is taken up through Video Conferencing Mode.
2. 2. Heard Mr. S.K. Pattanaik, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sk., Zafarulla, learned Additional Standing Counsel.
3. 3. According to Mr. Pattanaik, the grievance of the petitioner in this case pertains to non-registration of his complaint dated 31.12.2021 under Annexure-2 as F.I.R. by I.I.C., Tangi Police Station (opposite party no.3) though the same reveals commission of cognizable offences. When nothing was done, the petitioner sent another copy of the complaint to opposite party no.3 through Registered Post on 22.1.2022. He further submits that the petitioner has also approached the Superintendent of Police, Rural, Cuttack (opposite party no.2) by sending a grievance petition dated 22.1.2022 under Annexure-3 Series through Registered Post on the same date, however, till date no action has been taken on the same. In such background, he prays that necessary

direction be given to the opposite party no.2 to take a decision on the said grievance petition within a specific time period.

4. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs the Superintendent of Police, Rural, Cuttack (opposite party no.2) to take a decision on the grievance petition dated 22.1.2022 under Annexure-3 Series in accordance with law keeping in the mind the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of **Lalita Kumari v. Govt. of U.P. & Others** reported in **AIR 2014 SC 187** within a period of four weeks from the date of production of copy of this order, if in the meantime, the same has not been already disposed of. The petitioner is directed to supply copies of the complaint under Annexure-2 as well as grievance petition under Annexure-3 Series to the Superintendent of Police, Rural, Cuttack while presenting a certified copy of this order. Opposite party no.2 is directed to communicate the result of such exercise to the petitioner.

5. The CRLMP is accordingly disposed of.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order on proper application.

(Biswajit Mohanty)
Judge

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