

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No.413 of 2022

Santoshilata Nayak & others ***Petitioners***

*Mr. M.Chand,
Advocate*

-versus-

State of Odisha & others ***Opp. Parties***

*Mr. D.K.Mohanty,
Additional Standing Counsel*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE BISWAJIT MOHANTY**

**ORDER
17.03.2022**

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.
2. Heard Mr.M.Chand, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. D.K.Mohanty, learned Additional Standing Counsel.
3. According to learned counsel for the petitioners, the grievance of the petitioners in this case pertains to non-registration of their complaint dated 24.2.2022 under Annexure-1 as F.I.R. by the I.I.C., Bolargarh Police Station (opposite party No.3) sent through registered post on the same date though the same reveals commission of cognizable offences. He further submits that though against such inaction, the petitioners have approached the Superintendent of Police, Khurda (opposite party No.2) by filing a grievance petition dated 24.2.2022 vide Annexure-1/1 sent 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 directions be issued to opposite party Nos.2 & 3 for registration of the complaint of the petitioner as F.I.R. 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, Khurda (opposite party No.2) to take a decision on the grievance petition dated 24.2.2022 of the petitioners under Annexure-1/1 in accordance with law keeping in mind the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of **Lalita Kumari Vs. State of U.P. & Others** reported in **AIR 2014 SC 187** within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, if in the meantime, the same has not been disposed of and communicate the result of such exercise to petitioner No.1 who in turn is directed to share such information with other petitioners. The petitioners are directed to supply copies of the complaint dated 24.2.2022 under Annexure-1 as well as grievance petition under Annexure-1/1 to opposite party no.2 while presenting a certified copy of this order.
5. Accordingly, this CRLMP is disposed of.
6. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(**Biswajit Mohanty**)
Judge