

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.122 of 2021

Rabi Behera

.... ***Appellant***
Mr. A.K. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and another

.... ***Opposite Parties***
Mr.M.K. Mohanty, ASC for State

CORAM:
JUSTICE A.K.MOHAPATRA

ORDER
05.07.2022

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08. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Appellant and learned counsel for the State.
3. Learned counsel for the Appellant does not want to press this criminal appeal at this juncture. He, however, seeks for a direction to the trial court to conclude the trial of the case within a stipulated period of time. It is further submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that out of 40 and some odd witnesses, 19 witnesses have been examined as of now.
4. Learned counsel for the State does not have any objection if a direction is given to the trial court for early conclusion of the trial.
5. Considering the fact that the appellant is in custody since 7.2.2018 and 19 witnesses have been examined in the meantime, learned trial court is directed to expedite the trial of the case in Special G.R. Case No.04 of 2018 within a period of three months from today. In the event trial is not concluded within the said time,

Appellant is granted liberty to renew his prayer for bail. In such event, the bail application of the Petitioner/Appellant shall be considered in accordance with law.

6. Granting such liberty, the CRLA stands disposed of.
7. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

U.K.Sahoo

