

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No.2554 of 2022

Sukadev Munda

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Petitioner

Mr. B.C. Patra, Advocate.

-versus-

State of Odisha & others

....

Opp. Parties

Mr. G.R. Mohapatra,
Additional Standing Counsel

CORAM:
DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

22.12.2022

Order No.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
2. According to learned counsel for the petitioner, the grievance of the petitioner in this case pertains to non-registration of his complaint dated 17.01.2022 under Annexure-1 as F.I.R. by I.I.C., Turumunga Police Station (opposite party no.3). Though the petitioner has approached the Superintendent of Police, Keonjhar (opposite party no.2) for such inaction by sending a grievance petition dated 23.11.2022 through Registered Post, no action has been taken on the same till date. In such background, he prays that necessary direction be issued to the opposite party no.2 to

take a decision on the said grievance petition within a specific time period.

3. Considering the submissions made and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs the Superintendent of Police, Keonjhar (opposite party no.2) to take a decision on the grievance petition dated 23.11.2022 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**¹ within a period of four weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order, if in the meantime, the same has not already been disposed of. The petitioner is directed to supply copies of the complaint as well as grievance petition to the Superintendent of Police, Keonjhar while presenting a certified copy of this order. Opposite party no.2 is directed to communicate the result of such exercise to the petitioner without fail.

4. The CRLMP is accordingly disposed of.

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

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge

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¹ AIR 2014 SC 187