

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMP 2555 of 2022

Sunita Barik @ Sunita Jena **Petitioner**

Mr. A. Pattanaik, Advocate.

-versus-

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

Mr. Ch. S. Mishra,
Additional Government Advocate.

CORAM:
DR. JUSTICE S.K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

23.12.2022

Order No.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. According to learned counsel for the petitioner, the grievance of the petitioner in this case pertains to non-registration of her complaint dated 12.09.2022 under Annexure-1 as F.I.R. by I.I.C., Bhadrak Rural Police Station (opposite party no.4) though the same reveals cognizable offences. He further submits that though the petitioner has approached the Superintendent of Police, Bhadrak (opposite party no.3) for such inaction by filing a grievance petition dated 21.09.2022 under Annexure-2 Series, 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.3 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, Bhadrak (opposite party no.3) to take a decision on the grievance petition dated 21.09.2022 under Annexure-2 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*¹ within a period of one month 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 under Annexure-1 as well as grievance petition under Annexure-2 Series to the Superintendent of Police, Bhadrak while presenting a certified copy of this order. Opposite party no.3 is directed to communicate the result of such exercise to the petitioner without fail.

5. The CRLMP is accordingly disposed of.

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

(Dr. S.K. Panigrahi)
Judge

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¹ AIR 2014 SC 187