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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.3191 of 2024

Jashobanta Sahu .... **Petitioner**

Mr. D.K. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. U.R. Jena, AGA

CORAM:
JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

Order No.	**ORDER 16.12.2024**

03. **1.** This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement.

2. Heard.

3. The opposite party no.2 had initiated a complaint case, i.e., I.C.C. (N.I. Act) Case No.25 of 2022 for the alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 138 of the N.I. Act on 15.10.2022 before the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Keonjhar.

4. Though cognizance has been taken on 12.12.2022 and process has been issued against the opposite party no.2, but service of summon has not yet been effected on the opposite party. Subsequent thereto, the learned trial Court has issued stringent process for appearance of opposite partyno.2. It is contended by the petitioner's counsel that opposite party no.2 deliberately avoiding the notice. Hence, the petitioner finding no other way has filed

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the present petition seeking a direction to the learned trial Court for expeditious disposal of the complaint case.

5. Sub-Section (3) of Section 143 of the N.I. Act mandate for expeditious disposal of all the complaint cases instituted under Section 138 of the N.I. Act and time line of six months has been provided.

6. Keeping in view the provisions under the N.I. Act, the prayer made by the petitioner appears to be innocent and deserves attention.

7. Regard being had to the aforementioned, the learned trial Court is directed to take all necessary steps to conclude the trial of I.C.C. (N.I. Act) Case No.25 of 2022 as expeditiously as possible without entertaining the request of any party for adjournment.

8. With this observation, the CRLMC is disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

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