IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.1008 of 2026

Tuna Pradhan @ Purna Chandra Pradhan	..…...	***Petitioner(s)***
		Mr. Soubhagya Kumar Dash, Advocate
	-Versus-	
State of Odisha	…….	***Opposite Party (s)***
		Mr. Tej Kumar, ASC

CORAM:
DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER
06.04.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

3. The petitioner has filed this CRLMC assailing the order dated 03.03.2023 passed by the learned Special Judge, Chatrapur in connection with Sessions Trial Case No.180 of 2015, issuing N.B.W(A) against him.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the petitioner was earlier on bail vide order dated 23.09.2015 by the court below. He was regularly attending the court on each date of posting of the case. However, on 03.03.2023, the petitioner could not remain present in court as his conducting counsel did not take any step for his

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attendance due to communication gap. Hence, the learned Special Judge, Chatrapur, issued N.B.W (A) against him. He further submits that the Petitioner undertakes that he will cooperate till the end of the trial and appear before the court on each date of posting without fail, failing which, fresh N.B.W (A) shall be issued against him.

5. Learned counsel for the State strongly object the release of the Petitioner on bail.

6. In view of such facts and submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court is inclined to allow the CRLMC. Accordingly, the order dated 03.03.2023 passed by the learned Special Judge, Chatrapur in the aforesaid case, so far it relates to issuance of N.B.W(A) against the petitioner, is hereby quashed.

7. The Petitioner is directed to surrender before the court in *seisin* over the matter in the aforesaid case and move for bail within a period of fifteen days hence. On such event, the said court shall consider the move of the petitioner to release him on bail on its own merit.

8. Accordingly, the CRLMC is disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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